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SIXTEEN PAGES — TWO RIVALS

## GCC summit opens in Abu Dhabi today

RIYADH, May 24 (Agencies) — The Gulf Cooperation Council designed to boost unity and safeguard solidarity in the Gulf region will be inaugurated Monday at Abu Dhabi. Heads of state from the six participating countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Qatar and Bahrain will participate in the function.

King Khaled will leave Riyadh Monday morning leading the Saudi Arabian delegation which consists of Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, Prince Saud Al-Faisal, foreign minister, Dr. Rashid Pharaon, the King's special advisor, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Nuwaisir, head of the Royal Court, Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Wahhab, head of the Royal Protocol, Sheikh Nasser Al-Shamri, counselor at the Royal Court, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs and Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, information undersecretary.

Meanwhile, foreign ministers of the states have concluded their meetings in Abu Dhabi Sunday and approved a Saudi Arabian plan

for setting up a \$6 billion foreign investment fund by GCC members, the Emirates News Agency reported in Abu Dhabi Sunday. No further details were available.

The ministers opened their talks Sunday with a declaration of Gulf support to the governments of Syria and Lebanon in the crisis with Israel. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al-Nuaimi told the opening session: "I affirm our strong commitment to aid Lebanon against Israeli aggression and our support for its independence and legitimate unity." He said the six states supported Syria and the right of the Palestinians to an independent state.

The ministers did not discuss major policy Saturday but they nominated Kuwait's former U.N. Ambassador Abdullah Bishara for the key post of secretary-general of the GCC.

Diplomats said the main obstacle to a common policy of defense was Oman's readiness to allow Western intervention in the Gulf and its demand for early action by the new council on formal defense arrangements between the members. But other states do not want any foreign presence in the Gulf for fear this would provoke the Soviet Union. They feel formal defense arrangements are out of the question while Oman gives military facilities to the United States. Oman says it faces a constant danger from the Soviet-backed government in South Yemen.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, visited Moscow recently in a bid to talk the Kremlin leaders into ending their military presence in South Yemen, because that would enable the Gulf states to ask the Americans to leave the Gulf and Indian Ocean.

## King deputizes Prince Fahd

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — King Khaled asked Crown Prince Fahd Sunday to deputize for him during his absence abroad effective Monday.

In a letter of authorization the King asked him to "look after the interests of the people and administer state affairs during our absence from the Kingdom."

## Khaled receives foreign envoys

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday received Col. Rifaa Assad, member of Syria's Regional Command and head of special forces, who came to pay a farewell call on the monarch. Present at the audience was Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard.

The King also received Jacques Mitterrand, who delivered to him a message from French President Francois Mitterrand. The meeting was attended by Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

King Khaled received the new ambassadors of the Philippines and Italy, who presented their credentials in the presence of Sheikh Muhammad Al-Nuwaisir, head of the royal court; Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Wahab, chief of the Royal Protocol; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayyan, foreign undersecretary; Salem Sunbul, chief of foreign ministry's protocol and Gen. Abdullah Al-Busaili, commander of the Royal Guard.

## Missile stalemate continues

BEIRUT, May 24 (Agencies) — While Syria stuck to its stand that there was no question of withdrawing the missiles from Lebanon to open up the airspace for free operations by Israeli attackers and the U.S. peace envoy Philip Habib waited in Tel Aviv for some breakthrough in his efforts, Prime Minister Menachem Begin told reporters after a cabinet meeting that Israel was giving the United States additional time to solve the crisis.

"It is not true that Israel is losing patience. We didn't set any time limit," he added.

Syria's media Sunday stepped up its campaign against Habib's mission and said war with Israel over Lebanon was "unavoidable."

"Israeli threats coupled with U.S. support make the explosion of the military situation unavoidable," said an eight-column headline in the Damascus daily *Al-Bustan*, the organ of Syria's ruling Party. "When Habib concentrates his mission on asking victimized Syria to pull out its defensive missiles so that aggressor Israel will have free access to Lebanese airspace, then we have to consider America's arrogance is unequivocally ranged behind Israel's arrogance," the paper said in an editorial.

*Al-Bustan* also praised the unanimous support the Arab League pledged to Syria in case of a war with Israel at an emergency foreign ministers conference held in Tunis Friday and Saturday. "The rest of the Arab world has become a strategic reserve for Syria's steadfastness," *Al-Bustan* added.

Meanwhile, no travel plans were made

public for Habib, who has been shuttling around the crisis capitals since May 7. Begin said Habib was trying in Tel Aviv awaiting an answer to a proposal Habib heard in Beirut two days earlier. The content of the proposal was not revealed.

Begin's office also published a statement saying Israel had given an assurance to the Lebanese Christian forces in 1978 that Israel would prevent Syrian aircraft from attacking them, and that the guarantee was reaffirmed seven weeks ago.

With diplomatic efforts at a low ebb, the Lebanese capital was calm Sunday after violent firing across the commercial quarter in which six persons, including a soldier in the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Force, were killed and 20 others injured. But fighting also spread Saturday to the Baabda district housing the presidential palace. Press reports Sunday said the palace and the United States ambassador's residence suffered direct hits.

At the palace, shells hit the balcony of a reception room and gardens, near the kitchens, and damage was said to be considerable. A number of fires were also reported in the area. In central Lebanon, despite occasional shots, food convoys entered the town of Aahle, under siege from Syrian forces for 56 days.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian official said here that Syria and Libya have offered to set up a network of surface-to-air missiles in Lebanon to protect it against Israeli air strikes.

In an interview with the English-language weekly magazine *Monday Morning*, Salah Khalaf of the Palestine Liberation Organization's commando group Fateh revealed that Algeria was also prepared to send in SAM missiles.

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## Over Suzuki ad Minister shows concern

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, May 24 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim said the Suzuki motor advertisement which appeared in a German magazine recently was "denigrating the Arabs". He was commenting on a reprint of an advertisement which appeared in *Arab News* Sunday with a report denouncing it.

Dr. Solaim said that a few years ago a Toyota car dealer in the U.S. had made a similar mistake and then had to apologize for it on American television for a full half an hour.

"I do not want to be hasty in announcing what action we shall take regarding this matter," he told *Arab News* Sunday as

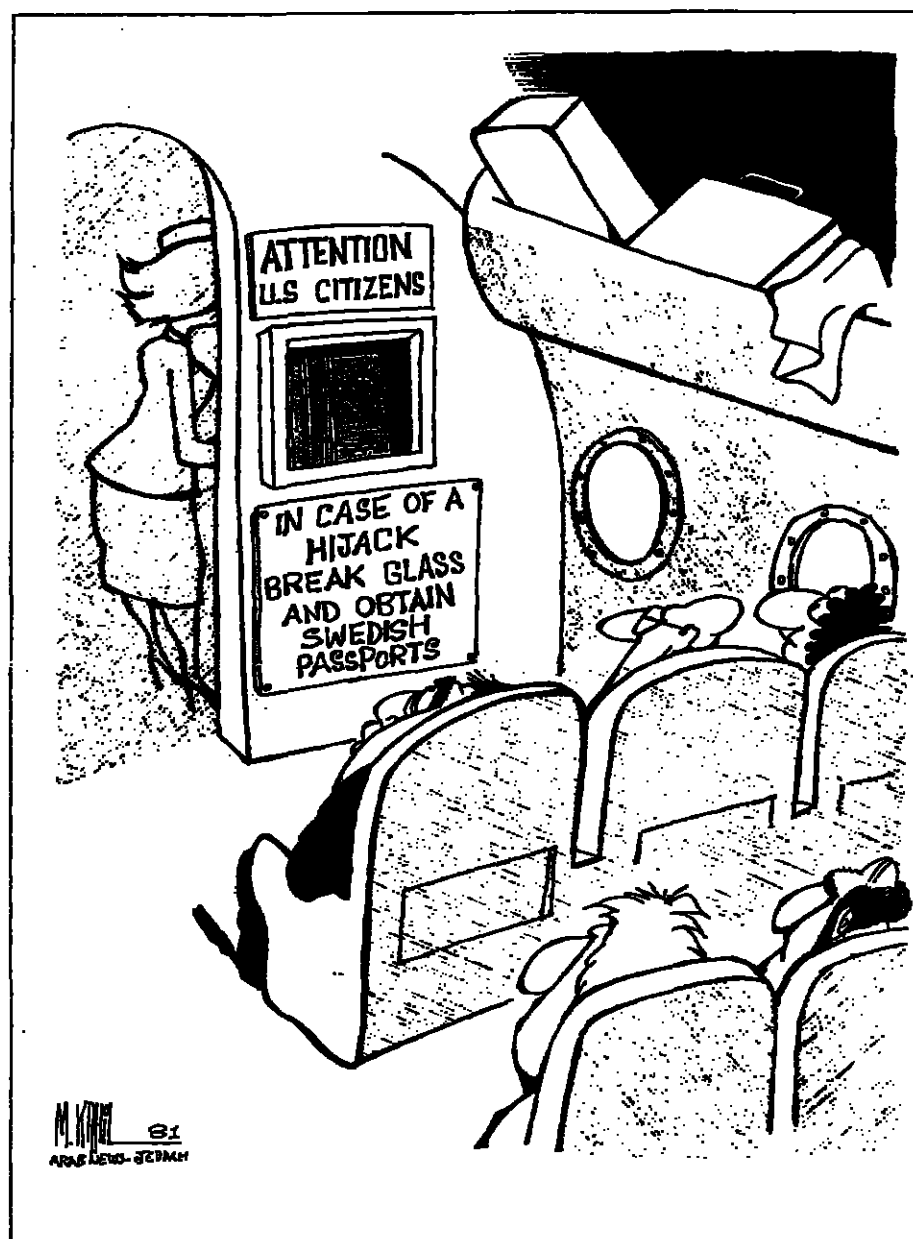
he emerged from a meeting held at the Commerce Ministry over this issue. "We are still trying to find out if the advertisement was made by the Japanese company or its agent in Germany. In either case we shall take action," he said.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamel, and Tewfik Ibrahim, deputy ministers.

Mr. Tewfik said in his comment on the advertisement that "nothing should be done to hurt the Kingdom or the Arab world."

"Such companies should take good care to maintain excellent relations between the two countries or, at least, to preserve their market here, the second largest in the world after the U.S.," he added.

## Hijackers of Turkish plane threaten to kill 5 Americans



SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 24 (Agencies) — Hijackers holding a Turkish airliner at a Black Sea airport of Burgas Sunday threatened to kill five Americans aboard it if 47 prisoners were not released from Turkish jails, the Bulgarian news agency BTA said. The hijackers set a deadline of 2 a.m. Monday (2300 GMT Sunday) for the release, the agency said.

BTA said that the hijackers warned that if their demands were still not met by 10 a.m. Monday (0700 GMT Monday) they would blow up the Turkish DC-9 aircraft along with all passengers. The five Americans, BTA said, were "from the bureau of Citibank in Istanbul" apparently a reference to an office of the American banking firm of Citibank.

A Turkish delegation had arrived at the airport in Burgas, where the plane was being held, to talk with the hijackers, BTA said. But the agency said Turkish officials warned at the airport "that no talks on the release of the prisoners are possible." The officials said that if crew members or passengers on the plane were killed, "with this act the hijackers will sign the death sentences of their 47 adherents," BTA reported.

Camuran Gurun, chief secretary of the Turkish ministry of foreign affairs, had started talks with one of the four hijackers, the agency said. It described the hijacker as a man of about 20 dressed in corduroy jacket and blue jeans. The BTA dispatch did not describe the politics of the four hijackers but twice referred to the prisoners they wanted freed as "adherents." Bulgaria's news agency said the hijackers had released a "few more" passengers of the 112 originally said to have been aboard, bringing the total released at Burgas to 25.

Earlier in the day, the four gunmen hijacked the plane during an internal flight from Istanbul to Ankara. The plane, with 110 passengers, five crew members and an alternative crew of three, landed in Burgas. The hijackers freed 19 persons who needed medical attention, mainly women and children. In Ankara, the Turkish government said the gunmen were believed to be left-wing extremists.

A government statement said Turkey had asked Bulgaria not to allow the plane to leave

Burgas, but to ensure the return of the passengers and the hijackers to Turkey. Officials at Istanbul's Yesilkoy Airport said the last communication with the plane was when the pilot informed the control tower that he would land at Burgas because of lack of fuel. Turkish state radio said the hijackers had asked to speak to a Turkish official after landing at Burgas.

The Turkish consul in Burgas went to the airport but official Turkish sources could not confirm that negotiations with the hijackers had begun. The radio said the plane was parked on a remote corner of the airport. Soon after the release of the 19 passengers, the hijackers allowed water and coffee to be delivered for the passengers, it added.

The hijacking is the second since the military seized power in Turkey last September. In October, specially trained commandos stormed the hijacked Turkish Airlines' Boeing 727 in eastern Turkey, which had been diverted after being taken over by right-wing Muslim extremists on a flight from Istanbul to Ankara. The four hijackers and seven other persons on the aircraft were wounded during the rescue operation, which freed more than 100 hostages. Turkey's military rulers had rejected the hijackers' demands for the plane to be refueled and for water for themselves and the hostages.

Meanwhile, Turkish authorities imposed news blackout on the hijacking, press sources said. Newspaper and news agency offices were told by martial law authorities not to publish any stories on the incident except for official releases, they said. Foreign ministry officials said further information would be made public through the prime minister's office. No official information was released immediately on the motives, identities and possible demands of the hijackers.

Turkey's military leaders, who seized power last Sept. 12, have cracked down heavily on right and left-wing terrorism. They have frequently vowed to eradicate terrorism which has cost 5,000 lives in the last few years. The state radio said later that two of the six males among the 25 passengers said to have been released by the hijackers had in fact escaped from the rear hatch of the plane.

## First time in many years Oil glut rules out OPEC price hike

By S. Sidahmed

GENEVA, May 24 — For the first time in many years, world is not expecting a new oil price hike out of the 60th biannual OPEC meeting opening Monday here. On the contrary, it will be watching whether OPEC will overcome its difficulties. Problems that are attributed to the changing oil market could be summarized as follows:

—Drop in demand. The free world consumption dropped from 52 million barrels per day (BPD) in 1979 to 50 million BPD last year, and to 48 million BPD at present.

—The economic recession is hitting the West, the main consumer, and compelling it to reduce consumption which it did by 6 percent last year and likely to continue this year.

—Due to this situation, the market is flooded with an estimated two million barrels per day surplus, resulting in the spot prices falling by \$2 below OPEC's official ceiling of \$36 a barrel.

—This glut has made the oil companies take a tough stand in negotiating new contracts and especially on premiums.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani repeated earlier calls for a price freeze. Yamani, on arrival at

the hotel where the meeting begins Monday, was asked by reporters if he wants to freeze the price of oil.

"Yes, we have to," Yamani replied. He said the freeze should last for one or a half years. Iraq Oil Minister Tayeb Abdul Karim Subroto said they hoped Saudi Arabia will lift its price from \$32 a barrel to \$36 a barrel.

Venezuela's Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said he would call for a price freeze and a 10 percent cut in oil production, covering all OPEC states. He said Venezuela favored one price, that is \$36 per barrel. He stressed the need to solve the price problem first, so that OPEC could then take up issues like helping developing countries by guaranteeing them oil supplies.

## Kingdom, U.K. sign pact

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, May 24 — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah, and British Ambassador to the Kingdom, Sir James Craig, signed a \$1 billion agreement for Britain to provide comprehensive medical services to the National Guard. (Full story page 21.)

## Police fire way into bank

## Hostages freed, gunmen held



HOSTAGES: Terrorists who had stormed Saturday a bank in Barcelona, Spain, freed some of the 51 hostages earlier Sunday. They are seen leaving the Banco Central through the main entrance.

BARCELONA, May 24 (Agencies) — Several bursts of gunfire erupted Sunday night around the Central Bank here where 24 rightist extremists were holding between 70 and 80 persons hostage, sources reported. One of the terrorists was reportedly arrested, an informed source said.

The shooting broke out as a special unit of the police special intervention force launched an assault on the bank building. One of the members of the assault team repeatedly shouted through a loudspeaker calling on the gunmen to "throw down your arms and come out with your hands in the air."

Witnesses said that several hostages, their hands in the air, jumped from a terrace onto a balcony of an adjacent building as the shooting gained in intensity.

Witnesses said that the police appeared to have forced their way into the interior of the bank. Earlier the extremist commando was reported to have smashed holes in the wall between the bank and the adjoining building. Sounds of heavy hammers and drills had been heard inside the bank. A hostage freed earlier Sunday said that the raiders had planted explosives in the building's basement.

Several hostages were reported to have been evacuated from the building by the police team, about 12 of whom were said to have entered the structure. Later reports said that the police gained entrance by crossing from the neighboring building to the terrace on the bank building. Witnesses said that, while the attacking police fired numerous bursts of automatic weapons fire, the extremists did not use their guns. As the firing continued, persons could be seen emerging onto the roof of the building. It was not known whether they were hostages or members of the commando.

Other hostages pressed against the bars covering the windows of the bank and shouted to the police. "Get us out of here," they screamed. "They're going to blow us up." As the police unit attacked, there were also shouts of "don't shoot. They're going to kill us all."

One of the hostages reportedly yelled that the rightist terrorists had not thus far killed anyone since they seized the bank Saturday.

Witnesses said that some policemen apparently had entered the bank through the roof. About 40 minutes after the police assaulted the building, some persons, apparently hostages, broke through the principal door of the building and rushed into the street outside. Others broke out through an adjoining

bank. Several of those escaping by the front door threw themselves to the ground as firing erupted around them. Two of the hostages remained on the pavement after that burst of shooting ended, apparently wounded or dead. Others were able to make it to safety in a nearby square.

Police officials said that the hostages were safe and unharmed. Most of them preferred to hug the ground rather than risk taking a bullet in the confusion. Witnesses said the police were chasing down the extremist gunmen and were having difficulty distinguishing them from the hostages. One of the gunmen surrendered without any resistance.

About 9:30 p.m. local time (1900 GMT), the police appeared to be in full possession of the bank and police sources indicated that most of the hostages were safe and unharmed.

It was not immediately clear if there were any casualties in the operation to retake the bank. The end of the drama appeared to have begun about 9 p.m. when the police ceased firing. An uneasy calm settled over the district.

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## Between National Guard, Britain

## Medical pact signed

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, signed a SR1 billion agreement with the British government to draw up and implement plans for the provision and development of medical services for the force.

British Ambassador Sir James Craig signed the wide-ranging agreement on behalf of his government.

The agreement also includes administering and maintaining the National Guard hospital in Jeddah and related facilities. The hospital, built by the Belgian Eurosystem Health Consortium, has 500 beds with accommodation for the staff, power generating and water treatment plants, mosques, market and schools with the latest medical treatment techniques.

The agreement is part of a plan by the Saudi Arabian government to provide comprehensive and up-to-date medical services to National Guard personnel throughout the country. The hospital also will cater to the needs of nearby residents.

In addition to planning and building medical facilities, the British government will provide training facilities for guard personnel in

all fields of medical service — including doctors, nurses, medical engineers, technicians, administrators and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy director of the guard, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Tuwaijri, said the memorandum of understanding between the two countries contained additional clauses and that the cost mentioned was only an estimate since such agreements cannot be limited to a certain amount due to the nature of services provided.

He said the administration and operation of the services eventually will become fully Saudiized in the future. A separate agreement regarding the Jeddah hospital will be signed in the next few days, he added.

Sir Craig said the agreement was symbolic of the friendship between the two countries in many fields, especially medical service because of its crucial importance in the service of mankind.

Sir Craig also said he is confident that such cooperation will increase in due course. He referred to the visit of the British health minister last year, which resulted in an agreement for broad cooperation in health services.

## Jordanian official arrives

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad A. Al-Muzbin, Jordanian communications minister, arrived Sunday to attend the signing of the Arab satellite project contract in Riyadh.

Dr. Muzbin, who is the current chairman of Spanish talks start

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — The Saudi-Spanish Joint Commission for Technical Cooperation began a three-day session here Sunday. The Spanish delegation arrived here Saturday and was led by Juan Antonio Marcia, the deputy premier for economic affairs and commerce minister. The group was met at the airport by Commerce Minister Dr. Salim A. Solaim, Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel and Spain's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Muneir Kanydas.

the Arab Space Telecommunications Authorities General Council, was received by Faisal Zaidan, deputy posts, telegraph and telephones minister and chairman of the Arab Space Telecommunications Authority board, and other officials.

The Jordanian minister said upon his arrival that his visit comes at the initiation of the authority to attend the awarding of the Arab satellite project in his capacity as the current chairman of the general council.

Meanwhile, Zaidan said that the signing of the contract launches the implementation of the Arabsat project that will improve telephone, telegraph and television communications between Arab countries. The contract will be signed with a company representing a consortium, he added. The agreement will be signed at the authority's headquarters in Riyadh.



GATHERING: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal (center of photo) meets with other Gulf state ministers in Bahrain Sunday before the beginning of the Gulf Cooperation Council summit to be held Monday.

## BRIEFS

Algoasibi in Bahrain  
MANAMA, May 24 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi arrived here Sunday on a three-day visit to Bahrain. Algoasibi will attend a ceremony marking the expansion of the Bahraini Aluminium Company to which the Kingdom has contributed 20 per cent of the capital.

Information center dedication  
RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif will inaugurate the National Information Center's building in Riyadh Saturday. The project is the Interior Ministry's computer project, and consists of ten buildings. Three of them are located in Riyadh and the remaining are in Jeddah, Taif, Abha, Dammam, Buraidah, Arar and Tabuk.

Japanese discuss relations  
RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussain Mansouri met with

Japanese Ambassador to the Kingdom T. Nakamura here Sunday. They discussed boosting bilateral relations in making studies and carrying out road and railroad projects in the Kingdom. Talks also cover the forthcoming visit of the Japanese communications minister to the Kingdom next month.

Teaching exhibition opened  
RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — Dr. Saud Al-Jamraz, acting undersecretary of education for educational affairs and administration, opened Saturday evening the annual exhibition of science and mathematics teaching methods and aids at the Modern Intermediate School of Al-Murabba'a.

Vocation center displayed  
TAIF, May 24 (SPA) — The exhibition of the Vocational Training Center for the handicapped was opened here Saturday by Prince Fahd bin Sultan, labor undersecretary for social welfare.

## Prayer Times

Monday	Makkah	Madina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.14	4.09	3.40	3.24	3.48	4.14
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.18	11.50	11.27	12.01	12.31
Asr (Evening)	3.32	3.42	3.13	3.04	3.29	4.03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.57	7.04	6.35	6.25	6.50	7.24
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Syhat receives project budget

SYHAT, May 24 (SPA) — Syhat Municipality's total allocations for construction projects in the current budget amounted to SR36.7 million, officials reported Sunday.

Syhat Mayor Ahmad Al-Issa said the budget allocated funds for various asphalt paving and illuminating the town's streets at a total cost of SR25 million; and landfilling the limited income people's district at a cost of SR10 million. In addition, the budget also

includes building a new slaughterhouse Syhat that will cost SR1.2 million, and fencing of graveyards at a cost of SR500,000, the mayor said.

Al-Issa said the municipality is presently engaged in several projects which include: SR16 million one for asphalt paving some streets in Syhat. Also Syhat's SR11 million sewage and storm water drainage network is in its final stages, he added.

## MWL condemns gambling casino

By Shamsuddin Ansari

JEDDAH, May 24 — The Muslim World League has strongly condemned the scandalous act of naming an amusement and gambling center in Glasgow after the holy city of Makkah, *Arab News* learned here Sunday.

According to an official source, the Makkah-based MWL has requested the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry to ask its ambassador in London to protest against this disgraceful act, which has happened for the second time in Glasgow.

The source reiterated that the naming of amusement centers after the most sacred of Islam offends Muslim sentiments towards the holy places of Islam. Meanwhile, the MWL is understood to have urged the Arab and Islamic states to pressure the British government to take appropriate measures to stop such acts. The action tends to spoil the existing cordial relations between the Islamic peoples and the people of Britain, who are known for the traditional regard for such sentiments.

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## Panel takes over Yanbu port

JEDDAH, May 24 — The Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu assumed full technical management of the East-West Oil Pipeline sea port in Yanbu last week, according to local reports.

Oil tankers will load Saudi Arabian crude, pumped from the oil fields in the Eastern Province, from the port.

The port, which is independent from Yanbu's industrial port, has been built according to the latest technological methods and designs. It comprises three berths and has a maximum loading capacity of half a million tons of oil daily, according to Al Medina Sunday.

### King receives thanks

RIYADH, May 24 (SPA) — The Board of the Gulf Swimming Federation Saturday sent cables to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, to thank them for hosting their meeting here. They sent a similar cable to Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, who is also the acting Youth Welfare president.

The federation decided to hold the sixth Gulf long distance swimming championships in the United Arab Emirates next September 25. They also adopted the rules of the championship and entrusted the federation's general secretariat to draft the statute of the Arab federation. The draft will be submitted to the board at its next meeting in the UAE. Also, training courses for trainers and referees will be organized in Morocco, according to another decision of the federation.

Highly sophisticated devices control the loading and safety operations. The port is linked to the storage port by cables, and workers in the operations and computer room can control the operation, the paper said. One of the distinguished features of the East-West oil pipeline is a 1.7 kilometer road that provides access to the loading tankers by vehicles.

The road enters 1.5 kilometers into the sea through a concrete bridge and will save the effort and time of operating a seacraft that provides contact with tankers when the port goes into actual operation.

The ports initial design to load two tankers at the same time gives great credit to the east-west port project, the paper added.

In other news, 100,000 square meters of a system for preventing offshore erosion — valued at \$600,000 — will be used to protect a 10 kilometer long sand and rock causeway in the offshore Berri oilfield in Saudi Arabian waters.

Hundreds of 'Paraweb' interwoven plastic mats, each one measuring 30 by 4.4 meters, will be fixed to the seabed and exposed areas of the rocky causeway.

## COMMENT

By Thamer Al-Mimani  
Al Medina

During my recent visit to the Philippines, I was going to see some waterfalls in a famous tourist area. Along with other tourists I boarded the bus amid the greetings of a hostess inside. Addressing us she said, "Ladies and gentlemen, our group comprises three Australians, four Swedes and one Saudi Arabian, and we shall stop at a hotel to pick up another Saudi Arabian."

The news exhilarated me, for I thought I would get the company of someone from my country. The hostess left the bus and after a while came back with a Saudi Arabian accompanied by a brunette. As I said to myself I would make an introduction with him, the hostess announced through

the microphone that the bus now had two Saudi Arabian tourists. Overjoyed, I moved on to greet the new addition.

To my utter surprise, my greeting was reciprocated in a strange accent which prompted me to ask him whether he was a Saudi Arabian. Upon which he said "I always tell them so." Hearing this, I asked, "Why don't you tell them that you are a Pakistani?" The reply was simple: "They respect the Saudi Arabian, therefore I preferred to tell them I was a Saudi Arabian national. Moreover, I had not expected that a real Saudi Arabian would be among us in the bus."

"If you err somewhere with your *nom de guerre*, will you also say you are a Saudi Arabian?" I asked. Pat came his reply in the affirmative, defending that in this way he will remove any doubt in the matter. When I branded him an opportunist, he replied, "here, you and I are governed by the laws of the Philippines and, you know, Manila is different from Jeddah. So, no use arguing!"

I wondered how people tried to tarnish our name even in distant lands. I even feared that any mistake in the world might thus be ascribed to our nationals. It is, indeed, tragic that they draw such an image of us in their minds. They take pride in their own nationality when they are right, but they turn "Saudi Arabian" whenever they are wrong! Isn't this strange?

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## Electricity supply move ups capacity

LONDON, May 24 (LPS) — The electricity supply system in Saudi Arabia's Central Region is to be modernized at an estimated cost of £5 million. The move is an extension of a £10 million program that has increased the generating capacity in Riyadh from 400 to 1,000 megawatts in the last four years.

The latest project is between Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO) and British Electricity International Ltd., and work will be carried out by the North West Electricity Board (NORWEB), the same organization that carried out the Riyadh extension.

Work involves coordinating Riyadh Electric Company with 38 others in the Central Region, which together make up SCECO. Some of these stations have separate generating capacity and transmission systems which will be integrated to a standard system. Primary substations, distribution substations and cable-laying are involved, and moves are toward underground rather than overhead cables.

Since NORWEB first became involved in Saudi Arabia, it has built up a close working partnership. Saudi Arabian visitors to Britain have included Rashed A. Al-Baker, vice-president of SCECO; Abdul Aziz Wahid, general manager of REC; Ali Al-Barrak, general manager of the Qassim area and Hamed Al-Hassoun, deputy director of generation.

The new project manager is Alex Brown, who has been in Riyadh since October 1977. He will act as assistant to Dr. Ibrahim Moncef of SCECO.

In other developments, some 200 tons of steel rails are to be installed at the Al Khobar power station (phase 2). They will be placed around the complex's six sites and will be used initially to move into position several transformers that weigh 140 tons each.

The \$125,000 contract has gone to Molyneux Rail Tracks Ltd., of Stroud, Western England.

### Sudan hospital planned

JEDDAH, May 24 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank will set up a \$900,000 hospital and health center in Southern Sudan to provide health care for Ugandan refugees.

An agreement was signed here Saturday between the Bank and the Dawa Islamiyah Organization in Sudan under which the latter will run the facility at Luxa and Ubari.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali signed for the Bank and Mubarak Qasimul-Jah Zaid, the organization's executive director signed for the D.I.O. which propagates Islam in Africa and provides relief to refugees throughout the continent.

## Makkah postal talks open

MAKKAH, May 24 (SPA) — A four-day conference attended by representatives of nine postal zones in Saudi Arabia was opened here by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraphs and telephones.

In his opening address Saturday, Dr. Kayyal reiterated that the target fixed for posts since the process was institutionalized in 1972 always has been the delivery of mail within 24 hours. He called on municipalities to help the postal authorities fulfill its mission.

Dr. Kayyal said that in 1972, the overall budget for posts was SR30 million, while in 1980 that budget amounted to SR800 million. In 1972, there were only 2,500 employees and at present there are more than 10,000.

He said the postal process depended on two main things: sorting and distribution. The sorting problems has been overcome as a result of mechanization, he added.

Posts Director Gen. Samir Banajah highlighted the importance of Makkah for postal authorities in view of the yearly pilgrimage



Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal

rush and the millions of letters that go in and out of the Holy City. According to Muhammad Malibari, Makkah zone director, there are 40 mail centers in the Holy City apart from the central post offices in Makkah and Taif.

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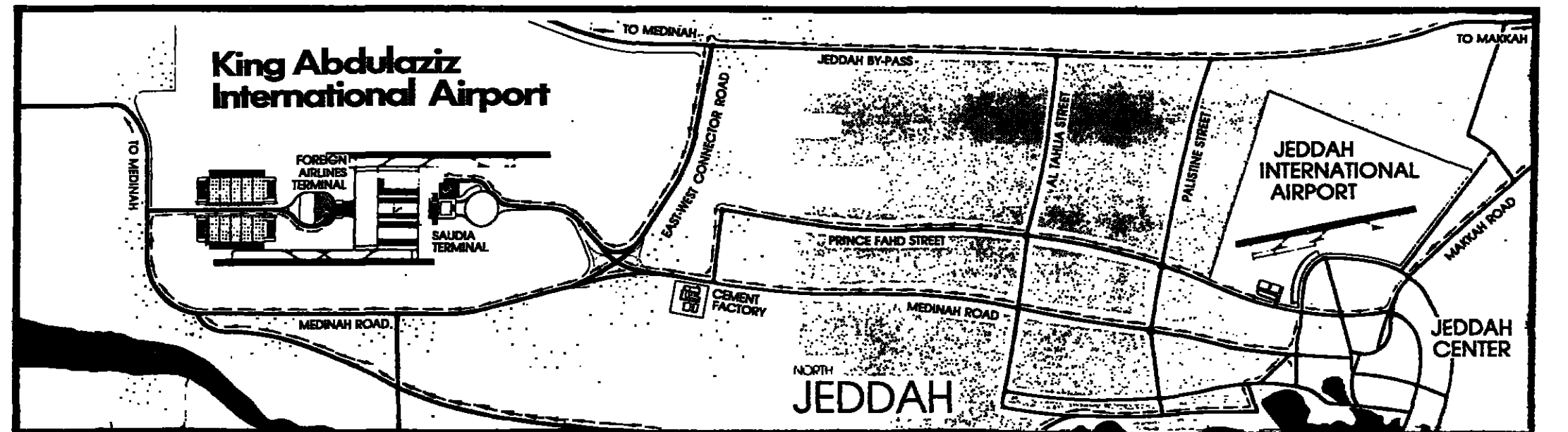
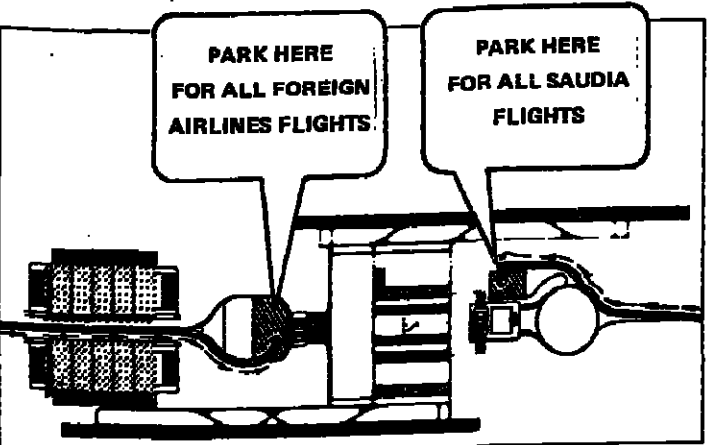
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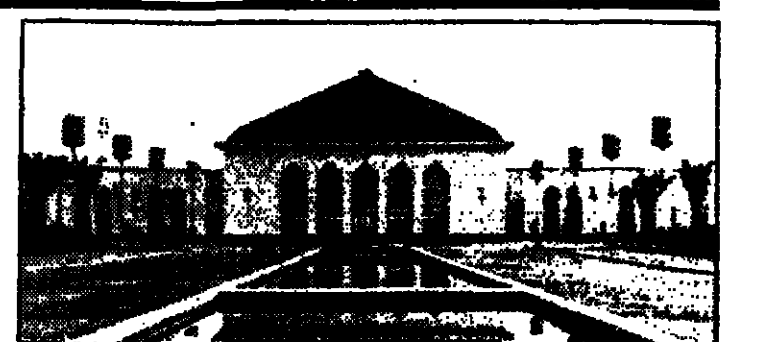
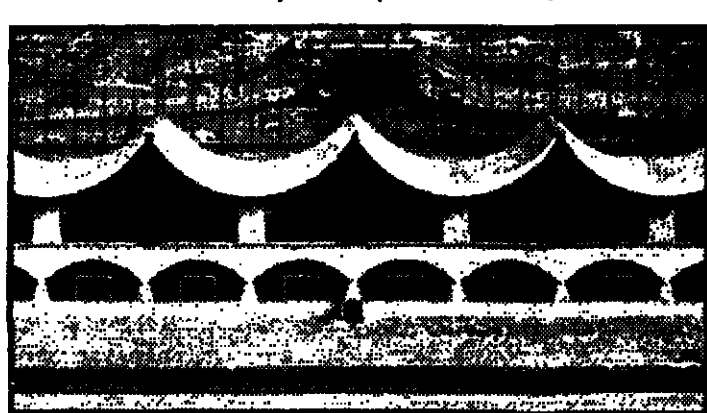
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## Radar station set up

## Libya moves army near Sudan

KHARTOUM, May 24 (Agencies) — Libyan troops in Chad have reinforced their positions in a town 80 miles off the Sudanese border and are amassing forces in another strategic central Chadian town, the Sudan News Agency has reported.

The report quoting eyewitnesses said Saturday "some 120 trucks carrying troops and tanks" arrived earlier this week in the town of Abeche near Sudan's western borders with Chad. The reinforcements came from Kufra, a zone in southern Libya. The report quoting the same sources said the Libyans were also "reinforcing their positions" in Ati, a town linking the northern and southern provinces of Chad. It gave no details.

## Kashmir students protest Israeli mosque seizure

NEW DELHI, May 24 (AP) — University students in the northern Indian city of Srinagar struck Saturday for the third consecutive day in protest against Israel's conversion of the Ibrahim Mosque in occupied Hebron into a synagogue.

The United News of India agency reported that a mob of Muslim students seized the dean and three other teachers of the law faculty of Kashmir University and severely beat them for opposing their call for a campus strike. Riot police fired five rounds Friday to disperse a mob of 300 students who attacked them with bricks and stones when the law enforcement officials stopped an anti-Israel demonstration passing through city streets.

Local press reports said that 52 persons including several policemen, were wounded in the clashes Friday.

## To SWAPO

## Zia, Mugabe pledge support

ISLAMABAD, May 24 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan Sunday denounced South Africa's racial policy and expressed their support for the South-West African People's Organization (SWAPO), a government spokesman said.

Mugabe, who arrived here Saturday for a four-day visit, held two rounds of talks with Zia Sunday on "mutual relations, regional situations and developments in Africa, with particular reference to the freedom struggle of Namibia and the right of the black majority to rule South Africa," the spokesman said. Zia briefed Mugabe on the Afghanistan situation and the threat posed to Pakistan's security, as well as that of the Gulf, by the Soviet occupa-

Western and Sudanese military sources have up till now estimated there were 1,200 Libyan troops supported by 60 armored cars, artillery mortar and BM-13 missiles in Abeche. These sources have said the Libyans aided by Soviet and East German advisers have set up a radar station and expanded the town's airport runway to accommodate MiG-23 jets.

In Ati, the same sources estimated the Libyans have 800 men, "30 armored cars and an unspecified amount of artillery and missiles. The report of the reinforcements comes on the eve of a scheduled visit by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt to Sudan. The two countries have a joint defense pact, and the presence of Libyan troops close to the Sudanese borders is worrying nations, officials have said. The Libyan presence in Chad is expected to figure prominently in leaders' two-day talks.

The Sudan news agency report said the Libyans have evacuated villages around Abeche where some 70 Libyans were recently reported killed in fighting between Libyan-supported factions and the troops of Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei.

The report gave no details of the evacuation. But Western relief sources in touch with developments on the borders have said refugees now trickle in at a rate of 20 to 40 a day compared to the average of 200 earlier this month when fighting was going on in Abeche.

Meanwhile, Egypt which has called for a withdrawal of Libyan troops from Chad condemned "as a dangerous precedent" the summit meeting grouping the leaders of Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Libya and Chad who met to discuss means of settling the situation in Chad. A communique issued by the Egyptian foreign ministry said the meeting was in effect "an endorsement of the Libyan occupation" of Chad, and thus in opposition to demands by 12 African countries earlier this

year that the Libyans pull out of Chad.

Moreover, the communique questioned the right of "a small group of nations to determine the fate of a country and force a fait accompli on the Organization of African Unity." The president of Sierra Leone Siaka Stevens is current chairman of the OAU and Libyan Col. Muammer Qaddafi, in an interview with the French news agency earlier Saturday said the organization wants Libya to maintain its troops in Chad until a neutral African peacekeeping force can be organized to take over.

The four heads of state who met in Chad have agreed that African peace-keeping force should be sent as soon as possible, an official statement issued in Freetown said. Qaddafi agreed at the meeting held in N'djamena Thursday and Friday to withdraw his troops from Chad after the African Force arrived, the Sierra Leone Foreign Minister Abdullahi Conteh told a press conference in Freetown. No date has been set for the dispatch of the force, which will be under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

Officials in Freetown said the OAU peace-keeping force would cost the organization about \$62 million. Previous calls for such a force have led nowhere partly because of a lack of funds. Under the terms of a 1979 Lagos agreement, a force was to be sent to Chad composed of contingents from Togo, Guinea, Congo and Benin but it was never sent. Various foreign armies have appeared there, including contingents from France, Nigeria, the Congo and most recently Libya.

## Somali envoy denies report on purges

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 24 — Somali diplomatic sources denied foreign newspaper reports that the top ten ministers and party leaders in Mogadishu had been sacked in a wide purge by President Muhammad Siad Barre.

Somalia's ambassador here Sheikh Abdullah Mahmoud told Arab News Sunday that the men involved were still in power and some of them are at present with President Barre on a private visit to the United States. They include Gen. Ahmad Sulaiman Abdullah, the powerful head of the intelligence department who is now chief of national security and a member of the elite five-member supreme committee led by the president. The former Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samatar, the Interior Minister Hussein Kulmiye Abrah and the speaker of parliament, Ismail Ali Abokor, lost their portfolios but remained members of the country's ruling Revolutionary Socialist Party. "This is what I think has caused the confusion in the minds of foreign reporters," the ambassador said.

## Sadat visits Khartoum

KHARTOUM, May 24 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arrived here Sunday to attend the festivities marking the 13th anniversary of the Sudanese revolution, his first visit to an Arab state since signing a peace treaty with Israel 26 months ago.

Sudan, Egypt's southern neighbor, was also the last Arab state Sadat visited two months before signing the treaty that led 17 other Arab states to denounce the Egyptian leader as a traitor. Along with Oman and Somalia, Sudan maintained diplomatic ties with Egypt, but relations had noticeably cooled until last month when the two countries reinstated their ambassadors in Khartoum and Cairo. But the restoration of ambassadorial relations was related to the Libyan military intervention in Chad. Sudan's western neighbor. Both Egypt and Sudan have repeated that the Libyan move was a threat to their own security and that of the entire area.

## Athens blast destroys Communist party office

ATHENS, May 24 (AFP) — A violent explosion caused by a home-made bomb destroyed offices of the pro-Soviet Greek Communist Party at Verria, 75 kms west of Salonika, early Sunday, police sources said. Damage was said to be extensive over a 300-meter radius, but no one was hurt, the sources said. Earlier, a home-made bomb blew up a United States serviceman's car in Athens, without causing any injuries.

## BRIEFS

KARACHI, (AFP) — China's Islamic Association has donated 18 tons of relief goods for Afghan refugees. The consignment was handed over to the Pakistan government Sunday by Chinese consul-general here Wang Ching-Jung.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad al Sabah, the ruler of Kuwait, Sunday received a message from President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti, sources said here. The message briefed Kuwait on the Djibouti president's recent tour of countries in the Horn of Africa, the sources added.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A court Sunday acquitted Israeli Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzira on charges of corruption and malpractice within his ministry, but criticized what it called his "low level of political morality."

ALGIERS, (R) — Netherlands' Foreign Minister Christopher Van Der Klaauw discussed ways of settling the Middle East issue with Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia Sunday, Dutch diplomatic sources said. Klaauw is acting chairman of the European Council of Ministers and has been asked to report at the next meeting, in June, on a possible EEC peace initiative in the Middle East.

## Team for Iraq

## Philippines to clarify stand on Moro agitation

MANILA, May 24 (AFP) — The Philippine government has sent an all-Muslim delegation to the Iraqi capital Baghdad to try to offset the influence with the Organization of Islamic Conference of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

The 42-nation OIC which begins its 13th foreign ministers meeting June 1, has repeatedly thrown its concern behind the MNLF-led Muslim freedom struggle in southern Philippines, that has claimed at least 60,000 lives in nine years. The OIC has also urged the Philippine government to implement a 1977 Tripoli agreement with the MNLF, calling for the creation of Muslim autonomous regions in the southern Philippines.

The Philippine government maintains that it is implementing the autonomy plan, and the Iraq-bound delegation is composed of Muslim autonomous region officials. According to Philippine government officials, the OIC was

being fed one-sided information by the Middle-East based leaders of the MNLF.

The MNLF, for its part, has charged that the autonomy being given by the Philippine government of President Ferdinand Marcos was "deceptive" and not in accordance with the agreement.

## Soviet warships to visit S. Yemen

MOSCOW, May 24 (R) — Two Soviet warships will pay a six-day official visit to South Yemen this week, the official Tass news agency said Sunday. Tass said the cruiser *Alexander Suvorov* and the destroyer *Vozhuchiyonny*, under the command of Rear Admiral Mikhail Khronopulo, would stay at the port of Aden from May 26 to May 31.

## 18 Iranian plotters arrested

TEHRAN, May 24 (R) — Iranian authorities have arrested 18 persons in connection with an alleged plot aimed at restoring the monarchy, a military judge has said.

Muhammad Gholi Reyshahri, revolutionary judge of the armed forces, said Saturday a previously unheard of group called Pars (Persia) had been discovered before it could take any action. "Their plan had been a bombing (campaign) to overthrow the government" and bring about the return of the monarchy, he told state radio in an interview.

He said the group probably numbered between 250 and 300 persons and were connected with former Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar, the last premier appointed by the deposed Shah, and the last monarch's family.

The judge said the trial of those arrested

## On defending Lebanese Christians

## Press leaks irk Israeli government

TEL AVIV, May 24 (R) — The Israeli government charged Sunday that "distorted leaks" to the press about the commitment of its air force of the defense of Christians in north Lebanon against Syrian air strikes had emanated from Knesset (parliament) security and foreign affairs committee.

A statement from Prime Minister Menahem Begin's office said he would consider whether to disclose secret information to the committee in future. The statement was issued as the cabinet was discussing the peace mission of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib who has been in the Middle East for over two weeks trying to resolve the present

Lebanese missile crisis.

The statement said Israel nearly three years ago committed its air force to the "defense" of Christians in north Lebanon. The commitment was first given in August 1978 during a meeting between Israeli officials and a delegation of Christians from Lebanon, the statement said. The undertaking was reaffirmed last April 8, it added.

The communique said the commitment had been given after the Christian delegation told the Israelis during the 1978 meeting, venue of which was not disclosed, that the Christian militias were incapable of defending themselves against Syrian air attacks.

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## GCC SUMMIT

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The GCC combines Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, U.A.E., Bahrain, Qatar and Oman, all of them being in the Arabian Peninsula and littoral states of the Gulf, now one of the most important regions in the world by virtue of its oil wealth and the designs of other powers on it.

In any case, it is just as well that the six governments have decided to institutionalize their closeness and growing cooperation into a council like that of the European Economic Community which came into being nearly 20 years ago.

The fact is that the six states have been consulting with each other over most issues of foreign policy and have been in touch over internal matters as well. Their foreign policies are identical and they are about, through the GCC, to standardize their internal affairs as well. Their economic policies have been subject to constant scrutiny in the past with a view to avoiding wasteful competition and achieving more effective and meaningful integration. This is already proceeding in the right direction. If not altogether satisfactory, at least it has made a beginning towards that end. A common market will be one of the logical outcomes of the GCC.

The founders of this new international body of states of almost identical systems have been at pains to point out to whom it may concern that the GCC is not. They have pointed out that it is not a military bloc and threatens nobody's interests. It is too rich and too big to covet other people's lands or interests. On the contrary, it will be willing to give help to those who need it.

Nor is it a military superstate that aims at harassing the neighbors as some of them have been led to believe. But the GCC will certainly seek to enhance its defense capabilities not to threaten others, but to deter those who might be contemplating interference in its internal affairs on any pretext. That it will not stand with arms folded if one of its member states is attacked by a third force is a foregone conclusion otherwise it will negate its own purpose for being a united group of states bound by links of common religion, language, culture, institutions, history, geography and political systems.

The GCC has taken a long time to fructify. International and regional circumstances in the past were not conducive to its formation. There were colonial and imperialist influences in the region which did not favor such a grouping of Arab states. Since then these forces have gone and given way to superpower rivalry for some kind of military hegemony based on selfish national interests which if allowed to take its own course, might lead to a confrontation and plunge the region into a conflict in which it had nothing to do, and everything to lose.

The GCC should now give the states the political, moral, economic and military prestige to prevent such a situation from happening in its territory.

To the Arabs who have been saying that the GCC will deal a blow to the Arab League because unity should have come through it, it may be pointed out that, first, the Arab League has never sponsored any unity plan or carried out one and, second, the GCC should encourage other Arab states with similar qualifications to start a cooperation council of their own instead of fighting each other.

## Harold Wilson feeds Israel's illusions

By Christopher Mayhew

Hundreds of bad books have been written about the Arab-Israeli conflict, but two weeks ago there was published in London what must surely be the worst book of all — *The Chariot of Israel* by the former British prime minister, Sir Harold Wilson.

This is the worst book not because it is tendentious, one-sided and egotistical but because in addition to these things it is also profoundly boring. After all, nobody could call Begin's book *The Revolt* boring. But for most of its length Wilson's book is simply a selective compilation of extended quotations from cabinet papers, speeches and diplomatic documents, all designed to prove his basic thesis — "This study of the impact of Zionism right up to the present time, has been recorded to show the steady fulfillment of Weizmann's dream."

Now it has to be conceded that by the standards of most Western politicians Wilson is intelligent, experienced and industrious. How then could he come to make such preposterous misjudgements about the Middle East and contribute so much to worsening the tensions there? The answer emerges quite clearly from the book. It is that he built up an immense range of close contacts with Zionists and no contacts at all with Arabs. To his personal friendship with many Israeli leaders he added an extraordinary network of contacts with Jewish friends of Israel in Britain — in the parliamentary Labor Party, the Labor Friends of Israel, the Jewish Board

of Deputies, and among his ministers, legal advisers, publishers, press officers and personal friends, and also subscribers to his secret Turist Fund which was set up on 1970 to help finance his political work. To make matters worse, some of the most influential of these contacts, such as Sir Bric Miller and Lord Kagan, were dishonest and disreputable.

When the 1973 war broke out, Wilson was leader of the opposition, and we read without surprise that "As soon as the news of the invasion became known, I telephoned the Israeli ambassador to the Court of St. James, Michael Conay, and made an immediate appointment to see him and be briefed. Thereafter I was in contact with him each day to hear of developments." At the same time there is no record in the book of any conversation with any Arab of any kind. The book shows that Wilson was totally ignorant about the Arabs and completely indifferent to their opinions, interests and aspirations. In particular he obviously knew and cared nothing about the Palestinian Arabs. In a typical speech he made in November 1972 — not quoted in the book he said:

"The Arabs want the Israelis to move back to the frontiers that existed before the six days' war. It is utterly unreal to talk of withdrawal. Israel's stance is natural and proper in refusing to accept the Palestinians as a nation. It is not recognized as a nation by the world."

(Jewish Chronicle 27 Nov. 1972)

Overall, of course, Israel has been immensely

helped by its Zionist friends abroad. Without the Zionist lobby in London, Israel could never have been established. Without the Washington lobby today, it could never retain the occupied Arab lands. Yet friends and flatterers like Wilson are also a source of weakness. They tell the Israelis what they want to hear, feeding their illusions, protecting them from the truth about themselves. This encourages the arrogance and intransigence which have isolated Israel so dangerously.

In a postscript to the book, evidently written in some haste, Wilson tries to distance himself from Menahem Begin. Yet those two committed Zionists have much in common. Wilson did not commit the crime of Deir Yassin, but he aids and abets it by not mentioning it in his book. He was not responsible for blowing up the King David Hotel, but he describes this outrage without condemning it. In one important respect, moreover, his Zionism is more extreme than Begin's because it is more explicit. He, quotes with approval the Labor Party's explicit recommendation in 1944 "let the Arabs be encouraged to move out as the Jews move in," and criticizes Attlee and Bevin for abandoning this and other parts of Labor's proposals for Palestine.

The main interest of the book is the light it sheds on the prejudices of an exceptionally influential Western Zionist. The book is tendentious and shallow, and also badly composed. It is a symptom of the moral decline of Zionism that its few remaining non-Jewish supporters write about it so badly.

## Alex Haig 'exaggerates' situation in El Salvador

By John M. Goshko

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr.'s recent charges about big new arms shipments from Cuba to the leftist guerrillas in El Salvador are an exaggerated picture of the situation, according to U.S. officials familiar with intelligence from Central America. These officials, who declined to be identified, are in the State Department and the intelligence community. While agreeing that some increase has been detected in the arms flow the past few weeks, they said it was incorrect to describe the traffic as "massive," the term reportedly used by Haig in talking with Republican members of Congress recently.

According to the officials, Haig's comments then and in congressional testimony May 1 apparently were not intended to be deliberately misleading. Instead, they said, he was relying on sketchy, poorly sourced reports. And, as one official put it, he "just ran off with it before checking with anyone who had analyzed the material in depth."

The result, the official added, has been to cause difficulties for administration efforts to explain its El Salvadoran policy intelligently to Congress and the American public. They said Haig's use of what one called "rhetorical overkill that doesn't match the facts" only increases the skepticism of congressional and other critics who charge the administration is straining too hard to justify its contention of heavy Cuban involvement in the Salvadoran civil war.

In his May 1 testimony before a Senate subcommittee, Haig said there was evidence of the arms flow from Cuba increasing again, with the new shipments going by air from Cuba to Honduras and then being trucked into El Salvador. He described it as an alternate supply route to compensate for the drying up of the flow from Nicaragua, through which the United States contends that massive amounts of Communist-supplied weapons poured into El Salvador in late 1980 and early this year.

Last week, Republican members of the House of Foreign Affairs Committee quoted Haig as having said in a meeting that "massive shipments" of arms had resumed in the past month. In this shipment of arms had resumed in the past month. In this instance, the congressman said, Haig told them the arms were coming both from Honduras and Nicaragua. But officials who dispute Haig's statements give a different account. While conceding that the rebels have received some supplies through Honduras and Guatemala for a long time, they say the flow through these two countries, both controlled by military regimes friendly to Salvadoran authorities, appears to be small and nowhere near the proportions received earlier through Nicaragua.

What attracted Haig's attention, the officials said, were reports received here in late April that Salvadoran army units believed guerrillas in the Guatemala-Honduras area had more weapons than previously. That touched off speculation in U.S. intelligence circles that they might have been resupplied through Honduras. But, the officials continued, subsequent analysis of the information gave no grounds for concluding this was the case. Instead, U.S. analysts say, if guerrillas in that area do have new weapons, they probably came from stockpiles set up earlier by the rebels or from a redistribution of arms held by other guerrilla groups.

As to Haig's more recent assertions about Nicaragua, the officials said evidence has been received in the past four weeks indicating that the flow, which administration officials had described as "down to a trickle," had picked up again. But, the officials cautioned, the information available so far indicates that it is modest compared to the situation earlier this year, and they stressed that it cannot be described as "massive" or even large. (WP)

## Kaunda faces mounting internal pressures

By Stephen Taylor

SALISBURY —

In government circles in Zambia these days there is a perceptible tightness when the subject of its southern neighbor Zimbabwe is raised. One official said recently: "Zimbabwe is the darling of the world now but we shall see how they cope when they start having problems."

Behind the jealousy of Zimbabwe's prosperity is a certain defiance, a belief that whatever mistakes have been made in Zambia over the past 16 years, the government is basically on the right track and that, despite mounting internal pressures, Zambia remains an open and relatively free society. There is still some justification in the second of those observations. The first, however, is being critically examined and dismissed by more and more Zambians.

Maladministration, a dramatic increase in corruption at senior level, and the inability of the agricultural sector to feed the country have created an unprecedented climate of criticism. The press

and parliament have asserted themselves in recent months to a degree that would be unthinkable in most parts of Africa.

The most sensational allegations have come from Titus Makupo, an MP who charged in parliament that Dick Litana, the first secretary at the Zambian Embassy in Bonn, had conspired with government officials in demanding a slice of money raised abroad by a financier for a government food program. Makupo said that the deal had been concluded in Paris and Lusaka and that Litana and his associates were to receive about \$500,000 "commission."

The MP also referred to Masuku Khulila, the former military attaché at the Zambian High Commission in London, who in January sold an arms end-user certificate to two *Observer* journalists investigating illegal arms dealing. Both envoys have been recalled for questioning and Khulila has been suspended indefinitely.

Last year anti-corruption legislation was introduced, creating the machinery, with a senior judge at its head, to deal with the graft. Those netted so far, however, are minnows — for example a police

chief who was jailed for stealing a car steering column. Street crime is rising too, and most houses in Lusaka's prosperous suburbs are surrounded by high fences and protected by helmeted security guards.

President Kenneth Kaunda appears increasingly cut off from the realities of his embattled country and shows no sign of deviating from policies that have failed.

After months of unrelieved bleakness there has recently been some welcome news for the government. The maize crop is a good one and should meet the nation's demands. There are signs that the copper price might go up too, and c... Zambia's most important source of foreign exchange. Most important, the IMF approved a big loan to Zambia this month, enabling the government to repay debts for imports and remittance of profits and dividends.

But until Zambia can make headway against inbred problems, its young graduates will continue to depart for wider opportunities in Zimbabwe, and the good fortune of Zambia's neighbor will continue to rankle. — (ONS)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday mostly led with the Gulf Summit Conference beginning in Abu Dhabi Monday. In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* said King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd will leave for Abu Dhabi Monday to attend the conference. *Okaz* led with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's statement in which he said "we have not stopped our support for the Arab deterrent forces, and the Tunis Statement is not a declaration of war."

Newspapers' front pages were filled with stories on the Gulf summit, saying that the leaders of the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council will sign the Council's statute Monday. They also frontpaged the arrival of Rifaat Assad, a member of the Syrian Regional Command, who handed a message to King Khaled from President Hafez Assad of Syria. In a broad front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported that Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will open the dry dock in the capital Sunday.

Newspaper editorials mostly concentrated on the Gulf summit conference. *Al Riyadh* observed that, after the announcement of the formation of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the summit conference will be the first historic event reflecting political and economic cooperation among the six states of the Gulf. The paper reaffirmed that, since Gulf security is the responsibility of the people of the Gulf, it was necessary to hold the summit meeting to further consolidate Gulf unity and preserve its huge

resources, the paper said. It added that the summit's discussions are expected to bring about a crucial historic turn in the life of the peoples of the region. The paper was convinced that the Gulf will continue to provide an ideal area for any cooperation at local and international levels.

Referring to the resolutions of the Arab foreign ministers' conference in Tunis, *Al Nahwa* said that these resolutions prove the capability of the Arab nation to confront the challenges of the Zionist enemy. It expressed confidence that the Gulf Arab foreign ministers will follow the same lines in their meeting in Abu Dhabi, in order to give more strength and solidarity to their stances.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* noted that Gulf cooperation has played a significant role in the extraordinary meeting of the Arab foreign ministers in Tunis, whose resolutions have stressed a lasting support for Syria, Lebanon and the PLO in their confrontation with Zionist plots in the region.

When the Arab states of the Gulf meet in a conference in Abu Dhabi, they will renew their support for the Palestine issue, which is a fundamental responsibility of all the states of the region, the paper said. It added that the enemy is launching repeated assaults on the Arab people, and therefore the Arab foreign ministers' meeting came as a reaction to Zionist challenges. The paper stressed the

need for confronting the Israeli enemy by all possible means, so that the enemy plots are laid bare before world public opinion.

*Okaz* described the Gulf summit conference as the "first real nucleus" on the road to solidarity and integration. It said the Gulf Cooperation Council is the fruit of efforts which the leaders of the region have been exerting throughout the past few years. The paper added that the council represents a tangible reality of Arab solidarity in the Gulf.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* dealt with the Lebanese situation, saying that Israeli activities pose the biggest challenge to the Arabs, who can successfully face it with their unity and solidarity. The paper regretted that Arab rifts still persist and that the Israeli enemy has found good time to make maneuvers in Lebanon, which is torn by sharp differences among the parties concerned. Over the past seven years of the civil war in Lebanon, Israel has made good its maneuvers in Lebanon, exploiting every political difference that had made divisions in the ranks of the Lebanese people. The paper warned that Israel is now striving to isolate Lebanon from the rest of the Arab nation and to compel the Lebanese to accept a non-Arab solution to the Lebanese crisis. Before this colossal challenge, the Arab nation will have to make a hard choice to overcome the obstacles now lying in its way, the paper concluded.

## Wicked press campaign against Arabs in London

By Charles Frederick  
London Bureau

LONDON — Arabs in the affluent London borough of Kensington have recently been the object of a vigorous anti-Arab press campaign. In its May issue, the London-based publication, *Voice of the Arabs*, reveals that the chairman of the Kensington council has written letters to the press about "Arab landlords." There have also been veiled hints and innuendos in a number of publications claiming that residents in the Kensington area are becoming worried by the activities of unnamed and mysterious Arab tycoons.

Such reports have appeared in a number of London papers. They have even appeared across the Atlantic: "Arabs take over London property" has also been a current headline in a current edition of a New York magazine owned by Australian Jew Rupert Murdoch. The implication is that wealthy Arab landlords have acquired apartments, houses or even blocks of apartments which they have then proceeded to relet, in some cases to local tenants, or sell at inflated prices.

Claud Morris, publisher of the *Voice of the Arabs*, received a telephone call from the tenant of a Kensington apartment who said the block in which she lived had been taken over by an Arab landlord and that he was putting unfair pressure on all the tenants. At the meeting with Morris, she claimed the Arab had raised rents by two-thirds, the porter service had been cut down and other services

were being rapidly reduced.

She alleged that all this was being done to force present tenants to move out. Once that had been done then the apartments could be rented for much higher rents to new tenants. She said that six apartments had already been vacated and that the empty apartments were being lavishly refurbished for letting to wealthy overseas visitors.

Asked for the name of her landlord she said that extensive checks had revealed that he was Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al Maktum, ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates. Morris revealed that tenants' associations were formed to fight the "Arab landlord" and that press support had been promised.

In special focus was one block of apartments in London SW7, the block alleged to be owned by Sheikh Rashid of Dubai. The UAE Embassy to meet the president of the tenants' association at that block of apartments.

Investigations followed and it became crystal clear that Sheikh Rashid had never owned the property. Neither he nor his agents in London had any idea of the matter. Thus the anti-Arab campaign was based on a false premise. Since then there has been silence from the original protestors and the press has dropped the anti-landlord line.

According to Claud Morris, the entire affair appeared to be yet another example of finding in the Arabs a scapegoat and blaming Arabs in particular for implication in what was claimed to be a London housing scandal.



CONTRAST: It is a contrast of styles. Prince Charles, who is Colonel of the Welsh Regiment of Foot Guards, stands erect in full uniform with bearskin hat to the Queen, for the march-past at the presentation of colors to the Regiment at Windsor, recently.

## Aussies split over Charles

By Tony Blackie

SYDNEY (ONS) — Prince Charles' popularity in Australia is falling. A poll taken last week by the Sydney afternoon newspaper, *The Sun*, showed only 37 percent of Australians want him as governor general. The remaining 63 percent are adamantly against him or any other member of the British royal family taking the job.

The poll came in the midst of the row over the "Charles and Di" tapes, which, even if false, have given Australia's republicans the last laugh over both the Australian and British governments. For the republicans, the tapes seem to have ensured that Charles will not become Australia's next governor general. They have embarrassed the royal family and have made an international laughing stock of Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

The tapes row has also proved that Charles can use political muscle to get himself out of a tight spot, in view of the British government's action to ban the German publication which has printed part of the transcript. Republicans fear the same kind of muscle could be used by Charles as governor general. Telecom, which runs Australia's telephone system, has been holding an inquiry, but is in a difficult position; if it proves that someone did indeed tap Charles' phone, it will not be able to charge anyone without more embarrassment for Buckingham Palace.

But is it feasible that Charles' calls could have been taped? According to Telecom, all his operator calls were handled by a senior operator at Sydney exchange. Charles had been staying with polo-playing farmer Sinclair Hill at Moree in western New South Wales. Each time Charles wanted to make an international call, Sydney was informed and the senior operator would call him back, bypassing the Moree exchange, so it wasn't done there, it seems.

## Agoraphobics-- victims of disrupting disorders

By Joan Sweeney

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Connie J. would get up at 5 a.m. to drive her husband 35 miles to his job because he had become terrified of driving. The trip would take nearly two hours because he insisted that she avoid freeways and certain other areas. "If I got on the freeway, he just flew apart," she said of her husband, who suffered from agoraphobia. "When we'd approach a bridge, I'd have to pull over. It took a long time to get him that 35 miles."

After she left him at work, she would go home, then drive back the 35 miles to pick him up. "I got to feel caged," she said of her 140-mile-a-day driving stint. "I didn't want to be in that car with him, plus he'd be maybe crying or yelling at me or hitting the dashboard in frustration. I mean it was a horrible, horrible scene."

As Connie's case demonstrates, husbands and wives of agoraphobics are also unwitting victims of a disrupting disorder that can dictate that the family change its life. An agoraphobic is beset by an unreasonable intense fear in many situations like markets and other stores, elevators, escalators, theaters, restaurants, parties, meetings and the road.

Connie said her husband "suffered from fear of just about everything: escalators, elevators, wide-open places, closed-in places, crowds. Driving was the No. 1 thing." Any of these can precipitate a panic attack in which an agoraphobic's heart races, his palms sweat, his stomach churns, his throat tightens. He has difficulty swallowing and feels as though he can't breathe. Accompanying chest pains may make him suspect a heart attack. An agoraphobic becomes terrified of these attacks and will go to enormous lengths to avoid any situation that might trigger one. In severe cases, they can scarcely stir outside their homes.

As a result, spouses and children must do the shopping and run the errands, even take a supporting job, doing the things that the agoraphobic cannot do. Spouses must shoulder more responsibility. Social life is restricted, and children may wonder why their afflicted parent doesn't take them places. "Your world becomes very small," was the way several spouses of agoraphobics described their own lives. These relatives agreed to discuss life with an agoraphobic on condition that their real names not be used.

Dave T., husband of an agoraphobic, said, "your lifestyle is geared more to problems that are happening to your wife. It has a tendency to change what you would like to do, and it limits what you do. 'Probably more than anything else it adds an awful lot of tension to things that you do' he continued.

"I was in tune with her enough so that if she wasn't going to be comfortable, it wasn't much fun for either of us."

Both of you feel cut off from other people," said Martin R., whose wife was an agoraphobic for nearly 20 years. "Your friends get fewer. The only time she could go anywhere was with me and then...she had to have an escape route." They would have to sit near the door in a restaurant or on the aisle in a theater. If they went to a party, they told people that one or the other of them was not feeling well in case an anxiety attack might force her to leave.

Connie said of her husband, "I was his security blanket. I became his mother, doctor, everything. He had to know where I was, where I could be reached every minute of the day or night..." I couldn't have any social life or friends," she continued. "I couldn't even see a girl friend occasionally. I'd want to go visit a friend or even a neighbor's house, and he insisted upon coming along, or they came home. It's just such a totally unreal situation."

It is not known how widespread agoraphobia is. But, according to Dr. Larry Michelson of the Phobia Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, one epidemiological study based on a very small sample indicated that 1 million to 1½ million Americans may suffer in varying degrees, ranging from mild to severe. About two-thirds to four-fifths of agoraphobics who seek treatment are women, therapists report. One theory for this disproportionate number of women has it that it results from society's emphasis on passive, compliant roles for women.

Others believe the problem may be more common among men than the treatment statistic indicates. "Men are more reluctant to seek help," said Joanne Bruckner, a licensed marriage and family counselor in Glendale, Calif., who runs a terrap center there. Terrap is a nationwide organization offering a self-help treatment program for agoraphobics that includes group sessions and gradual desensitization to fearful situations. "There's so much publicity about it as a housewife's disease," Bruckner said. "Men feel it's really a disgrace."

Therapists say agoraphobics tend to be sensitive, eager-to-please individuals with a critical parent in their background. "There's always a critical parent," Bruckner said. "Agoraphobics are super-sensitive people in all respects." "Criticism is the most devastating thing that could possibly happen to them," said Dr. Arthur B. Hardy, a Menlo Park, Calif., psychiatrist and a founder of terrap. "It's awfully hard to understand why they take everything so much to heart."

This sensitivity can be hard on spouses who find their innocent remarks misconstrued as criticism by the agoraphobic.

## Toxic-shock mystery solved

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — An American doctor has discovered the cause of toxic-shock syndrome — the mystery disease that strikes suddenly, often fatally, and has puzzled the medical profession in recent months.

Dr. Patrick Schlievert, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis, has identified a chemical poison made by the bacteria causing the disease that has been linked to tampon use in women. The discovery should make it possible to diagnose the disease by a laboratory test.

Evidence that toxic-shock syndrome was caused by a new strain of staphylococcus bacteria prompted the search for some way to differentiate the strain from others that do not cause the disease. The toxin,

or poison, is an important identifying marker for this bacteria.

Schlievert has managed to isolate the bacteria that release the deadly toxin. Injected into animals, he found that the toxin produced many of the symptoms characteristic of toxic-shock syndrome in humans, such as fever, a dramatic drop in blood pressure and a rash.

Using the toxin, researchers are now working on a test that can detect the presence of chemical antibodies that rally against the toxin in a patient's blood. Such a test could positively identify the syndrome and less severe cases of the disease which are often missed. Proving the presence of the disease is critical for correct treatment, because toxic shock syndrome has manifested a collection of symptoms that also occur in other diseases.

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## Missile deployment

## German protesters attack NATO plans

MUNICH, West Germany, May 24 (AP) — Thousands have gathered at Munich's famed "Marienplatz" to denounce NATO plans to introduce a new generation of U.S. nuclear missiles in West Germany.

Rudolf Schoeberger, the main speaker at the rally, said Saturday plans to place some 572 U.S. Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe by 1983 "should be opposed with every strength." Schoeberger is a member of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democ-

## Kenya releases Nation editor

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 24 (AP) — Police have released the editor in chief of East Africa's largest newspaper group but continued to hold two editors and two reporters Sunday. Another editor was picked up Saturday.

President Daniel Arap Moi, angered by reporting of a doctor's strike, has accused the newspaper group Friday of attempting to create uneasiness in the country and threatened to ban the papers "if this attitude persisted."

Joe Rodrigues, editor in chief of the *Daily Nation*, Sunday *Nation* and the Swahili-language *Taifa Teo*, was released after about 18 hours in police custody, an attorney for the newspaper group said. It has reported that Rodrigues was asked to report back to the Criminal Investigation Department, the detective branch of the police, Monday morning.

Police continued to detain *Daily Nation* managing editor Joseph Kadh, news editor John Esbi and reporters Pius Niyomora and Gideon Mulaki, the attorney said.

atic Party and is a parliamentary representative from Munich.

Schmidt backs the weapons and is faced with a serious revolt from the left-wing of his own party against the NATO decision.

"According to the plans of the United States, West Germany would become the launching pad for America's forward-based rockets," Schoeberger said to the applause on the audience.

The rally in front of the city hall, or "Rathaus", was nearly filled with protesters who sang, shouted protests with bull horns and carried banners reading: "End the Murderous Armament."

The rally was sponsored by the "People's Movement for Peace and Disarmament," and a spokesman for the group said some 10,000 persons were present. Police said only 3,100 participated, but journalists at the rally contended the crowd contained several thousand more persons than the police estimated.

About a dozen members of the West German armed forces attended the rally in uniform, police said. German law forbids military personnel from appearing at political rallies in uniform.

One of the soldiers addressed the crowd during the demonstration and spoke out in support of disarmament. On Saturday, the West German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe announced it had rejected an appeal from an army officer, who asked that his four-day jail sentence be considered by the court. The officer had been found guilty of wearing his uniform to an anti-war rally organized by a West German union group. Police also reported that about 30 young persons had taken over a church in Munich's student area of Schwabing Saturday to protest against the NATO rockets.

## Communications satellite blasts into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, May 24 (AP) — The world's largest telecommunications satellite was launched Saturday on an Atlas Centaur rocket at Kennedy Space Center. The launch at 6:42 p.m. EDT (2242 GMT) had been scheduled for Thursday but was delayed because of problems detected in the two computers of the rocket's main safety control system.

The satellite, known as the Intelsat V-B, is scheduled to reach a stationary orbit Monday about 35,887 kms above earth. The orbiter is capable of transmitting about 12,000 telephone calls simultaneously as well as two color TV channels. That is double the capacity of the Intelsat IV-A satellites that now form the heart of the 105-nation International Telecommunications Satellite Organization.

The satellite is the second of a new series of nine international telecommunications satellites. The first was launched successfully in December and moved into position over the Atlantic, where it is still undergoing testing. The global Intelsat system is handling about two-thirds of the world's overseas telecommunications traffic, ranging from telegrams and phone calls to television and data.

## Hinckley to offer guilty plea

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP) — Lawyers for John W. Hinckley Jr., who is charged with attempting to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan, have offered a guilty plea in the case if the government would recommend he be sentenced as a juvenile, it was learned Saturday.

One justice department source, who declined to be identified, said that no such proposal had reached Attorney General William French Smith for a decision, but it was

## Pope offers hope to sick

VATICAN CITY, May 24 (Agencies) — In a recorded message from the hospital where he is recovering from gun shot wounds, Pope John Paul II Sunday offered "comfort and hope" to those who, like himself, are ill.

The Pope's voice sounded tired and weak as he made the three-minute statement in Italian. It was broadcast worldwide by Vatican Radio. The Pope recorded the message about 90 minutes before it was broadcast, standing over a tape recorder in a small room adjacent to his bedroom at the Gemelli Policlinic Hospital, according to a spokesman.

"I want today to address myself in particular to all the sick, giving to them, myself, sick like them, a word of comfort and hope," he said. The Pope was shot by a would-be assassin May 13.

The Pope also thanked all those who prayed for his recovery. As the message was broadcast at noon (1100 GMT) an estimated 200 persons gathered outside the hospital and gazed up at the Pope's 11th floor room.

The Pope should be able to leave the hospital in 10 days, one of the surgeons who operated on him said Saturday. But he must return to hospital in about a month for removal of a colostomy (intestinal bypass) inserted to let his wounded abdomen recover.



President Ronald Reagan on horseback

## Reagan goes horse riding

SANTA BARBARA, California, May 24 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, spending his first full day at his ranch since he was shot in an assassination attempt, climbed atop his favorite horse Saturday and went riding in the mountains overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

With restrictions on his activities lifted, Reagan also planned to clean up some of the brush downed in a March storm and split wood with a hydraulic gadget, his spokesman said.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan had no plans to receive visitors at his ranch near here, where he is spending the U.S. Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Speakes said the president had reviewed a written national security briefing on the Middle East trip of his special envoy, Philip Habib.

Although the White House physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, was placing no restrictions on

the president's physical activity, Speakes said, "I wouldn't say" that Reagan was "completely recovered" from the wounds he received during the March 30 attempt on his life. He said the doctor "was not saying he could jump tables or ride horses in a steep lechase."

The 70-year-old president, accompanied by his wife Nancy, arrived at the Ranch Friday night for a four-day break, his first there since Feb. 19, some six weeks before he was shot in the left lung in Washington March 30.

Speakes said \$750,000 was being spent on security, housing for aides and medical facilities, and for communications to help the president, who is also commander in chief of the armed forces, carry out his responsibilities. He said Reagan had decreed that no government money be spent on the ranch and nothing more than necessary on support equipment and staff buildings. He said one helicopter was kept at the ranch for emergencies.

## Freedom for Tibet ruled out

PEKING, May 24 (AP) — China has declared its door "is always wide open" to Tibetan exiles who want to return, but warned against any move aimed at independence for the rugged western territory.

"The so-called 'Independent Tibet' Movement aims at turning Tibet into a colony and appendage of imperialism, which will surely fail because it betrays the country and the interests of the Tibetan people," the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said.

In a front-page editorial, the paper also declared there could be no return of the "leftist" policies aimed at coercing Tibetans into giving up Buddhism. But it said the Tibetan masses "would not permit counterrevolutionary activities to sabotage stability and unity under the pretext of religious freedom."

The official Xinhua news agency said Li Wei, an official of China's United Front Organization, was among those who addressed a rally of 1,400 persons in Peking Saturday marking the 30th anniversary of the agreement that put Tibet under China's political and military control.

The Chinese army actually moved into Tibet in 1950. In 1959, it put down a revolt against Chinese rule, and the Dalai Lama, Tibet's ruler, fled into exile in India.

Li said, "on this occasion, we cannot but think of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan compatriots overseas who live under another's roof and separate themselves from their motherland and its people. This is unendurable for any patriotic person. We are very concerned about their sorry plight. Our consistent policy is that all patriots belong to one big family, whether they rally to the common cause early or late."

Last month, a spokesman for Tibetan exiles in India said Chinese authorities had refused permission to a group of exiles to visit their homeland this year. Previous exile delegations that visited Tibet charged the Chinese with continuing repression of dissidents and stripping their land of its natural resources.

The *People's Daily* said that under Chinese Communist Party leadership, Tibet has abolished serfdom under manorial lords, boosted total grain output more than three times in the last 30 years, built highways and schools and promoted Tibetans to leading positions.

Last year, however, Chinese authorities admitted failure in national policies applied too rigidly to Tibet and ordered higher prices paid to farmers, tax exemptions and greater local autonomy "in an effort to boost the region of 1.7 million people out of poverty."

In a rally attended by 1,600 in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa Friday, Xinhua added, Ngapoi said, "Tibet now has been transformed from feudal serfdom into socialist society. This is an earth-shaking change." It said he also praised the one million former serfs who had safeguarded the border area of the country. Tibet borders India, Nepal, Bhutan and Burma.

The *People's Daily* said Tibet first came under Chinese rule in 1253, under China's Mongol emperors. In the 19th century, it said, "imperialist forces often plotted to separate Tibet from China. Shortly before the Chinese army's move into Tibet in 1950, China claimed British and American imperialists had infiltrated the region and that its army would drive them out."

## BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — The Duke of Edinburgh, consort of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, will be named president of the World Wildlife Fund, according to informed sources here Sunday. The appointment will be officially announced Wednesday at a banquet in the London Guildhall to mark the 20th anniversary of the fund.

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP) — President Ronald Reagan said Saturday he would nominate Lt. Gen. Paul X. Kelley, commander of the rapid deployment joint task force at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, to be assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — American folk singer and human rights activist Joan Baez was barred by federal police for the second consecutive night from performing at an anti-nuclear rally Saturday night, concert organizers said. Friday they refused to let her sing from the stage at a concert in the industrial city of Sao Paulo.

COPENHAGEN, (AFP) — Crewmen of the 10,000-ton British assault ship *Intrepid*, which is docked at Aarhus, west of here, told the Danish news agency Ritzau Saturday that visits to the ship by the public had been banned because of bomb threats. The news agency reported that the crewmen said that the threats were made by the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Three convicted members of a robbery-murder gang were machine-gunned to death at a prison near here Friday morning, Thai police reported Sunday. The three had been found guilty of murdering 30 of their robbery victims.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Four persons were reported shot and killed and three others seriously wounded Saturday in India's northwestern state of Rajasthan when two groups of armed villagers clashed over the proposed location of a water pump.

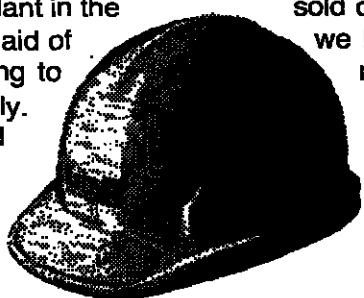
NARITA, Japan, (AFP) — About 4,000 demonstrators and 8,000 police turned up for a protest rally on the third anniversary of Tokyo's controversial new international airport here Sunday.



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**Electronics magazines in the U.S.,  
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Leading consumer electronics magazines recently featured test reports that conclude Sony's Betamax — and Sony's Beta home video format — are superior to the competing VHS format machines.

*Video and Video Buyer's Review*, published in the U.S., a special edition of West Germany's *HiFi-Stereophonie*, and a special VTR edition of Japan's *Rajio Gijutsu* (Radio Technology) magazine all carried reports that Sony's home video system is the clear winner, even though Betamax models and test methods varied according to market area.

## "VIDEO" Magazine, U.S.A.

"In my opinion, the Sony-developed Beta format is superior to VHS in several ways, including better cassette design, superior tape handling, and overall better video engineering."

"I have concluded that Beta is better than VHS, at least at the most economical slow speed, and that VHS provides the best picture quality at the two-hour only speed."

"... the Beta (writing) speed is faster by over one meter per second. Consequently, it is better able to deal with longer recording wavelengths in both color and black-and-white (luminance). Higher writing speeds also increase effective signal-to-noise ratio and improve head-to-tape contact that minimizes picture dropouts."

*Roderick Woodcock, Technical Specialist*

## "HiFi-Stereophonie," West Germany.

"A short glance at the test results shows the Sony video-recorder leads all the other models in almost every field."

"In the field of visual evaluation, the Sony videorecorder was clearly number one. It was the only model that could gain 8 points for resolution and even 9 points for color reproduction."

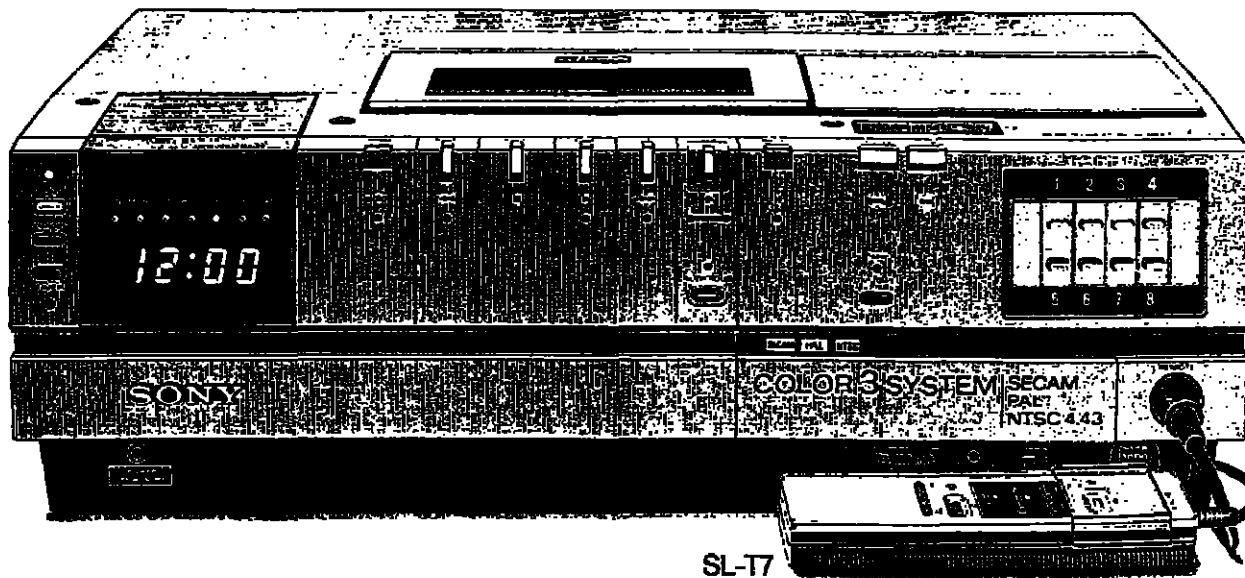
"The final overall evaluation of the Sony videorecorder is very good. It gives the user all the operational ease that is possible with today's technology. It is also suited to a great variety of applications since it features a great number of connecting terminals, such as for video, audio, camera and dubbing of recorded programs... The Sony videorecorder ranks first among all tested models regarding the results of our laboratory tests as well as the results of the visual evaluation. Therefore, the Sony SL-C7E can be ranked in the top class of today's home videorecorders."

## "Radio Technology," Japan.

"When we compared the picture quality of the Beta format's BIII mode and that of the VHS format's Super Long Play mode, the BIII mode's picture quality was by far better."

"Regarding recording functions, in the Beta system changing the recording speed did not significantly change the quality of the playback. In contrast to this, the playback quality of the VHS system showed a clear difference between modes."

"In the VHS format, recording in the Standard mode gives the best results. As for long recording time, if you're not only concerned about beautiful replay, we say it's better for you to use more tape and do your recording in VHS's Standard mode. But here we have a contradiction, because all of the VHS format's VTR features like speed search, slow motion, still, etc., can only be used when the tape is recorded in the Super Long Play mode. On the other hand, with the Beta system it is easier to enjoy programming regardless of which mode you use to record since special features can be used with them all even though picture quality may differ slightly. You can thus choose the mode you want by matching it to the length of tape you want to use."



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## German hopes on economic front fade

BONN, May 24 (AFP) — West Germany's economy, once the envy on the world for its dynamism and growth, has fallen on hard times, and the prevailing mood in the country about economic prospects is still rather pessimistic, at best.

West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer, for example, said this past week that "the economy is not working this year as was still generally believed likely last January when everybody was betting on a strong recovery in the second half of the year..." And he said that now it is impossible to talk of such a recovery. He made his comments in justifying the increase of 6.1 billion marks in the anticipated federal budget deficit this year, making a total of 33.5 billion — a record for West Germany.

The vice-president of the Bundesbank (central bank), Helmut Schlesinger, commented recently that the outlook for the economy "is still understandably quite mixed." On the other hand, the Bundesbank was fairly optimistic in its May report, published last Wednesday, noting that foreign orders to German industry jumped by 14 percent in the first quarter from the level of the last quarter of 1980 and were 6.5 percent higher than in the comparable quarter last year.

The bank added that industrial output, excluding construction, was almost two percent higher in the first quarter than the previous quarter. On the other hand, the IFO Economic Institute of Munich has reported a dip in capacity use from 79.9 percent last December to 79.7 percent in March.

## China to limit debts to 15%

PEKING, May 24 (AFP) — China has decided to limit its external debt to no more than 15 percent of the foreign exchange it earns for its exports, it was learned here Monday.

This was disclosed by members of the Trilateral Commission, a private political study group of eminent Japanese, North American and West European figures, which just concluded three days of meetings in Peking.

The commission members, who met with Chinese economists, told newsmen Monday that China intended to make sure that its capital and interest repayments abroad did not exceed the 15 per cent ceiling.

The most recent World Bank figures put China's external debt at \$1.5 billion.



NEW AIRCRAFT: British's new short-haul feederline, the BA146, made its public debut last week when it was rolled out at British Aerospace's Hatfield factory in Hertfordshire. The new airliner, which is designed to provide economical transport for 93 passengers, will make its maiden flight later this summer. Picture shows the new aircraft being rolled out watched by the Hatfield employees.

## Gabon talks

## West-Third World rift surfaces

LIBREVILLE, May 24 (R) — A deep division between the developing countries and the West over how the world's economic troubles should be tackled has emerged even more clearly as a result of a gathering of financial leaders from 141 nations here this week.

The dispute has been growing for years as the Third World has fought for more say in the big Western economic forums and complained that the West gave little aid to developing countries and often found ways of preventing its young industries from selling their goods in Western markets. It has come to a head because of the stern anti-inflation line being taken in the West, especially in the United States and Britain, known as monetarism — involving cutbacks in public spending, including foreign aid, and a tight grip on credit which has led to high interest rates.

The Third World nations say they are being hard hit by the West's monetarism, and that heavy burdens are being placed on the poorer countries which have huge balance of payments deficits as they try to pay for more expensive oil and other commodities, while

their economies stagnate through lack of aid and credit. Disagreements burst into the open at this week's meeting here of the interim committee, the key policymaking body of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The IMF, the world's main lending agency, was set up by the West in 1944 to help nations in balance of payments difficulties. By its loans and its monitoring of the world economy, it has worked steadily to help smooth out economic relationships between the powers, struggling to prevent the world from being plunged into the sort of economic chaos which marred the 1930s.

But the world has grown more complex since the early postwar years and the call from the developing countries for a bigger share in international financial resources has placed strains on the IMF. The new multi-cultured world was vividly illustrated as about 800 financial ministers, central bank governors and officials flew into this equatorial west African capital.

The delegates, many garbed in dark suits and ties despite the steamy heat, gathered in a huge concrete conference center on a hill outside Libreville as African dangers swirled and gestured in the car park.

It was obvious from the start of the preliminary meetings that the Third World and the West did not hold the same views about the world's economic ills. The "Group of 24", a caucus of countries representing the Third World, drew up a list of proposals aimed at easing the credit squeeze.

They asked the IMF to organize a huge enlargement of its pool of credit, by a big new allocation of SDRs (Special Drawing Rights), the IMF's unit of account which countries use to gain access to hard currencies. They also argued against what their communiqué called "the over-emphasis placed by industrial countries on restrictive monetary policies resulting in higher interest rates which impose heavy burdens on the developing countries."

They expressed deep concern about what they called the stagnation of official development from the richer countries. The chairman of their group, Philippines Finance Minister Cesar Virata, said the West should use alternative methods such as tax and income policies to fight inflation, and should stop protecting its ageing "sunset" industries with subsidies while turning instead to high technology.

## From July 1

## EEC to control steel output

PARIS, May 24 (AFP) — The commission of the European Economic Community is to tighten controls on output by community steel manufacturers and on prices, from July 1, it has been learnt here.

Community sources said that a new voluntary agreement limiting output agreed by leading manufacturers grouped in the Eurofer Organization responsible for 80 per cent of community production, will come into effect in July.

The voluntary arrangement will succeed compulsory restrictions on output imposed by the commission between October 1980 and June 30, 1981. However, compulsory controls will remain for coals.

Price controls, which must be introduced and which work out at about \$40 to \$60 a ton, are aimed at bringing community prices into line with prices changed in the United States and Japan where steel is currently fetching 15 to 20 percent more.

The commission is to send out more inspectors to check that the agreement is being

enforced and official will also watch closely to see that steel plants do not receive state aid enabling them to undermine the price structure. Community ministers responsible for steel were due to meet Monday to discuss aid to the industry, but this meeting has been postponed until June 4.

The aim is to draft a timetable and mechanism for doing away with state aids to the industry as these are causing considerable problems. One reason for the delay is the inauguration of a new government in France. The commission wants members to abolish all aid to their steel industry by the end of 1985.

It also wants to enforce scrupulous application of a code of conduct agreed by ministers concerning aid, and in challenging the policies of the British, Belgian and Luxembourg governments. The commission argues that any aid must be part of an overall program to restructure the industry and reduce capacity, rather than to subsidize loss-making activities which undermine the free market.

## Suit dismissal against Iran upheld

BOSTON, Massachusetts, May 24 (AP) — The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the dismissal of a \$2.8 million suit brought by a Cambridge engineering firm against Iran, a ruling that also upheld then-President Jimmy Carter's agreement with Iran for freeing the 52 American hostages.

The appeals court ruled Friday that Carter was acting within his powers when, as part of the agreement in January leading to the release of the hostages, he nullified all suits filed by American businesses against Iran.

The presidential order, which President Ronald Reagan said he would honor, required those claims to be settled by an international tribunal.

The appeals court ruling upheld a U.S. dis-

trict court decision in April dismissing the claim. And it agreed with the district court that Carter and Reagan acted within the power of the presidency in nullifying the suits. The decision could also set a precedent affecting some 450 other civil claims against Iran that were filed after Carter froze Iranian assets in the United States shortly after the hostages were taken in November 1979.

The engineering company had argued that the Carter order was unconstitutional, because it denied the firm due process of law in resolving its claim against the government of Iran. But Justice Department lawyers had argued that presidents have the right under the international emergency economic powers act to set aside claims by American nationals against foreign governments.

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7.	Annajm	Alasbah	Bagged Barley	22.4.81
8.	Trinculo	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	19.5.81
9.	Sumbawa	Barber	Gen/Conts.	23.5.81
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18.	Medenment Carrier	Rolco	Bulk Cement	18.5.81
20.	Link Hamony	Alasbah	Bagged Barley	17.5.81
21.	Taichung 2	Barnacodah	Bagged Barley	21.5.81
29.	Atlantic Freaser	O.C.E.	Reefer	21.5.81
35.	Khudzhnik Palkhomov	A.E.T.	Containers	23.5.81
36.	Hermes Ace	Alfreza	Containers	23.5.81
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# Mauroy vows to fulfill all economic pledges

LILLE, France, May 24 (AFP) — Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy Sunday stressed the Socialist party's economic program, especially a planned shorter work week as his cabinet prepared for next month's legislative elections which will determine whether his government can deliver on its promises.

In his first speech as prime minister, Mauroy said his government will keep its promises on an array of social measures. Reducing the work-week — a key plank in the party's program to cut unemployment — will get top priority, he said.

"The government will construct change with realism and determination," Mauroy said here.

"I am totally aware of the strength and weakness of the French economy as well as the formidable challenges facing European economies," he said, adding, however, that many of France's weaknesses were the result of the previous government's policies.

He reiterated the Socialists' desire to give every unemployed person a job and sufficient income, to raise the minimum wage and to increase aid to the aged, to families and tenants with modest incomes.

"To farmers, to businessmen, to tradesmen and to merchants, I say that a society of ambition and success is not incompatible with the endeavor for justice and fairness," the prime

minister said.

He said that we are determined to defend our currency, "an allusion to the weak position of the franc since the Socialist victory. The Bank of France has been intervening on a massive and costly scale to support the currency."

"In this domain, the government will do its duty. It will do it in strict respect for all the commitments made in the name of France," he said. He also said that his government would encourage saving and investment by "all Frenchmen and women." The Socialists have criticized the government of former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for not doing enough for investment.

Addressing himself to the business community, he said "to be in business today is to create jobs so as to participate fully in the re-awakening of our economy."

"I announce as of now that we are going to take measures to lighten the expenses weighing on small and medium-sized enterprises," he said.

## Dover port hit by trucks' blockade

DOVER, May 24 (AP) — A 14-hour blockade of this English Channel port by truck drivers, mainly French and Italian, fed up with strikes by British customs officers was lifted early Sunday after hundreds of vacationers spent the night trapped in the port area.

The truck drivers, including several Britons, parked their vehicles across Dover's seven car and freight berths Saturday night in protest at continual delays to freight traffic caused by 11 weeks of sporadic pay strikes by British civil servants.

A backlog of several hundred cars built up at the port, while other vacationers and their cars spent the night trapped aboard incoming ferries. "The atmosphere is all right now," a spokesman for the Dover Port Authority said Sunday morning after persuading the truck drivers to pull move their vehicles away from the berths.

Truck drivers' tempers boiled over after customs officers on the early evening shift Saturday stopped work. The morning shift reported normally. British airports and ports are among government facilities hit continually in the 11 weeks of rolling pay strikes by the country's 530,000 bureaucrats. The Conservative Party government is adamant. It will not increase its 7 percent pay offer. The employees insist on a 15 percent wage increase.

## U.S. sets trend

### Electronic car era dawns

DETROIT, May 24 (R) — The day is fast approaching for the electronic car that thinks, talks and shows the driver how to get where he is going.

Major U.S. Car manufacturers have switched on to the electronics revolution and the cars of the future will be run by computers.

By 1984, trend-setting American cars will have an electronic dashboard that actually talks — a synthesized voice perhaps telling the driver the seat belts are not fastened, a door is not closed properly, or the fuel tank is nearly empty.

The next generation will add a mini-TV screen to the dashboard to display a variety of information, even road maps. "No doubt about it, the 1980s will be the age of electronics in the automobile industry," says Dennis Rhee, manager of advanced instrumentation at the Ford Motor Company.

The 'big three' car companies — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — are all engaged in development work, but are reluctant to say much about what they are doing to protect any competitive edge they might have. All of them have developed prototype "voice boxes" — audible warning system, they call them — to make the dashboard speak.

Ford demonstrated one with a pleasant female-sounding voice to alert careless and forgetful drivers: "The key is in the ignition" or "your lights are on" or "the door is ajar."

Ford engineers see the 'voice box' not as a gimmick but as an additional safety device. "Our advanced version will tell you why that red warning light on your instrument panel is flashing, and what to do," says Rhee. Another Ford executive, Jacques Mosier adds: "And I think most drivers would prefer to have a voice tell them they've left the key in the ignition instead of hearing a buzzer sound off constantly."

A Ford public relations official, Mike Davis, says the "voice box" will not play policeman, though. "It won't tell you 'you are going too fast,'" he says. "We don't

want it to be a nag."

What kind of voice will it be? We haven't settled yet what drivers want," says Davis. "Do they want a male voice for authority or a female voice for sweetness?" Whatever it is, Ford will make the recording multi-lingual so the synthesizers can be installed in their European cars. Rhee says the "voice box" will not be expensive, costing Ford customers "substantially less than \$100."

Cost-conscious Chrysler, bailed out of bankruptcy by \$1.2 billion in loan guarantees from the U.S. government, has chosen a male voice because it is cheaper. "It costs more to synthesize a female voice," explains John Webster, chief engineer for automotive products.

General Motors, the biggest American car company, says it is not yet convinced the voice synthesizer will be a big selling point and is studying the psychological aspect. "We are not sure drivers want their car talking to them and telling them what to do every time they get in," says Robert McMillin, director of General Motors' electronic division. "We want it to be a help not a hindrance."

However, McMillin thinks a "voice box" with no more than 10 messages would be worthwhile. The car companies are also experimenting with new visual display systems — mini-TV screens called cathode ray tubes (CRTs) — with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

These would supersede the computerized digital display units now offered in luxury cars to calculate such things as fuel consumption in addition to the normal speedometer functions.

Chrysler is looking closely at the safety factor, concerned whether the screen could be a distraction to the driver and make him take his eye off the road.

Ford, which last year spent \$1.675 billion on research and development, is the most enthusiastic about CRT's. Ford engineers feel it could be used to provide a whole range of supplementary information to the "voice box" by detailing exactly what should be done with any car problem.

## U.S.-Alaska gas pipeline cleared

WASHINGTON, May 24 (R) — An American-Canadian pipeline consortium and oil companies have reached agreement on financing a long-delayed natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the United States through Canada, a U.S. energy official has said.

A Department of Energy spokesman said Sunday Secretary James Edwards had received a letter from John McMillan, head of the pipeline group, saying pipeline and natural gas producers had agreed on a basis for financing it. The pipeline firms and oil companies negotiations have been stalled since 1977 over financing the prop-

osed 4,800-mile pipeline.

Its cost has been estimated at \$15 to \$25 billion, which would be the largest ever private financing. The Reagan administration is a strong supporter of the pipeline so long as it is privately financed.

An energy department source said Congress would have to approve any equity arrangement, since when it approved the project in 1977 it said the three major oil companies involved, Exxon, Atlantic Richfield and Standard Oil of Ohio, controlled by British Petroleum, should not have an equity arrangement.

## Financial Roundup

### Riyal rules firm on quiet day

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 24 — Once again Sunday, local dealers reported a very quiet day with few transactions carried out. With the New York Monday holiday, the local exchange markets were reluctant to take any meaningful positions in major currencies. According to Jeddah bankers, most OBU's — Bahrain offshore banking units, had taken their preferred positions on both riyal and dollar books and were concentrating on a few other Gulf currencies such as the Bahraini dinar and the Qatari and Omani riyal. Since the growth of Saudi Arabian economic power, the Riyal has become the dominant currency of the OBU books, amounting to 90 percent in some cases. It is little wonder that the actions of the OBU's affect Kingdom-based banks and vice-versa.

Locally, riyal deposit rates remained fairly stable. One-month JIBOR rates opened up at 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent and were quoted slightly higher at 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent by the close of the trading day. The one-year rate remained at the same level of 15 1/2 — 16 percent. Very few deals were carried out in the fixed period tenors and in

fact Bahrain brokers complained that more than 90 percent of the calls put in to them by banks were for "information" as opposed to "dealing" quotes. Brokers usually make a commission by matching interested buyers and sellers who are not willing or interested in going to the market direct to find a counterparty. One Jeddah banker admitted that he used a broker "when he did not want the market to know he was 'out looking for funds,'" but on the whole the communication revolution in Saudi Arabia has made it much easier for banks to contact each other direct.

On the local exchanges there was some more activity reported and spot riyal, dollar rose from opening levels of 3,3803 — 13 to 3,3805 — 15, indicating some demand for the dollar. Some more adventurous banks dealt in other European currencies banking on the hope that the dollar will remain strong on the European markets Monday. Some quotes were given for the German mark at 2,3080 levels as well as the pound sterling at 2,0865. The French franc was not quoted given the poor performance of the franc on the Friday European and New York closing even after the introduction of tighter exchange control over that currency.

## BRIEFS

SALISBURY, (AFP) — Austria has loaned \$10 million to Zimbabwe to finance electrification of the African country's rail network. Austrian Minister Willibald Pahr announced the loan during the signing of a cooperation agreement and said his country could help Zimbabwe's farming, transport, energy and professional training sectors.

DUSSELDORF, (AFP) — A West German banking consortium is to grant Yugoslavia credit valued at \$222 million. It is to enable Belgrade to buy from West Germany primary materials and semi-finished items, particularly steel, chemical and pharmaceutical goods.

ATHENS, (AFP) — Inflation in Greece jumped two percent in April, giving an annual rate of 24.3 percent compared with 24.9 percent the previous year. The government target is to keep inflation to a maximum of 20 percent for the current year, a figure

described still as being "possible and realistic" by an official spokesman.

JAKARTA, (AFP) — A mysterious disease has swept freshwater fish ponds in the Yogyakarta area, central Java, killing over four tons of fish in a matter of days, reports said here Sunday. The disease, which has been destroying a species of fish with a slimy unscaled skin, called "Lele", spread and killed so fast that it was difficult for fishery officials to come by live Lele for laboratory experiments, the reports said.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — The consumer price index in Sweden rose by 5.9 percent between Jan. 1 and May 15, reflecting an inflation rate of 4.9 percent against 14 percent for the whole of last year, official figures showed. January saw a particularly sharp rise of 3.8 percent caused by higher food prices and lower subsidies for agriculture.

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## To claim three division titles

## Benitez kayoes Hope in twelfth

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 24 (AP) — Alfredo Benitez became the first fighter to win a title in three divisions in more than 40 years Saturday with a stunning one-punch, 12th-round knockout over Maurice Hope for the world Boxing Council super welterweight championship.

Hope, who lost a tooth in the fight, also showed traces of blood in his urine and was taken to Valley Hospital for a post-fight examination.

Benitez hit Hope square in the face with a jarring right hand to win at 1:56 of the 12th round in a nationally televised fight from the sports pavilion at Caesars Palace. The referee didn't even bother to count.

Benitez, 22, of Puerto Rico, virtually finished the fight in the sixth round, then toyed with Hope, of England, for the next six rounds before the final telling blow.

Hope went down in the 10th round from a right hand high to the head, but was back up almost immediately. Hope had been backing up and the blow could have thrown him off balance. Hope remained down for several minutes after the fight ended and was examined by ring physician Donald Romeo.

Benitez became the first fighter since Henry Armstrong to win a title in three boxing weight classes. Armstrong lost the last of his titles, the welterweight championship, in 1940. Other triple champions include Bob Fitzsimmons, Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross.

The other titles won by the Puerto Rican were the universal junior welterweight title and WBC welterweight title, which he lost to Sugar Ray Leonard in 1979. Hope, 29, who was born on the West Indian island of Antigua, was defending the title for the fourth time.

time.

Hope's troubles began in the sixth round when a solid right, left, right combination put him on the ropes where Benitez raked him a series of combinations to the head and body. Hope's face swelled almost immediately and he was bleeding from the mouth at the end of round. At one point, the defending champion stumbled while backpedaling and nearly fell through the ropes.

Benitez was cut over each eye, once in the fourth round and again in the ninth. But neither cut appeared serious. From the sixth round on, Benitez, who also scored well to the body, literally played with Hope, staying either in the corner or on the ropes, but still out punching the defending champion. Benitez simply was biding his time.

Each fighter weighed 153 1/4 pounds. Hope, now 29-3-1, received \$250,000 while Benitez, now 41-1-1, earned \$ 785,000.

In the waning rounds of the fight, Hope looked increasingly dejected as he sat on his stool between rounds. Benitez, on the other hand, talked and joked with his cornermen.

After 11 rounds Benitez was leading all scorecards. Judge Joe Swessel had it 107-103, Charles Minkler saw it 107-101 and Duane Ford scored it 107-103. The AP had 107-101 for Benitez.

At one point during the fight, Benitez appeared to have stuck out his tongue at Leonard, who was a member of the telecast team. Leonard will fight Ayub Kalule for the World Boxing Association 154-pound title June 25.

Benitez has explained his loss to Leonard by saying: "The day was for him. He was the best that night. I know that he beat me. But next time I'll get him."

Hope won the title in Italy in March 1979 with an eighth-round knockout of Rocky Marciano. He successfully defended against Mike Baker, Mattioli and Carlos Herrera, whom he outpointed in a bout the WBC voted the most dramatic fight of 1980. The former champion suffered an eye injury in 1978 that nearly cut short his career. But his career was saved by surgery.

Armstrong held the featherweight, welterweight and lightweight titles. Fitzsimmons won the middleweight, heavyweight and light heavyweight championships. Canzoneri won the featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight titles, while Ross was lightweight, junior welterweight and welterweight champ.

## Tormo triumphs

MADRID, May 24 (AFP) — Spain's Ricardo Tormo won the 50-cc event in the Spanish Motorcycling Grand Prix here Sunday, ahead of Stefan Dörflinger of Switzerland and Yves Dupont of France.

But Dörflinger's second place allowed him to keep the overall lead in the 50 cc World Championships, nine points clear of Tormo. Roland Bland of Switzerland won the side-car event ahead of Alain Miché of France. Michel now leads the world standings with 47 pts ahead of Bland (42 pts) and Jock Taylor of Britain (40 pts).

On Saturday, defending champion Anton Mang of West Germany drove his Kawasaki to the fastest time in the 250-cc class during the second and last day of trials.

Mang won the pole position for Sunday's race with a time of 1:34.60 at the 3,314-meter twisting Jarama circuit. Venezuela's Carlos Lavado was second place on a Yamaha in 1:34.64, followed by Jean Francois Balde, France, on Kawasaki, in 1:34.76.

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ROUGH GOING: Giuseppe Saronni of Italy in the pink jersey (left) ahead of Beat Breu of Switzerland (right) during the seventh stage of the Tour of Italy Thursday. The ninth stage was won by Italy's Sergio Pansani with Saronni still holding on to the lead.

## Clerc outplays Pecci to lift Italian Open

ROME, May 24 (AP) — Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina defeated Victor Pecci of Paraguay 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 Sunday to win the \$200,000 Italian Tennis Open. Clerc, seeded third, reeled off eight straight games in the second and third sets, keeping Pecci at bay from the back court.

Pecci made the grade beating Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 on Saturday.

The 6-foot-4 Pecci displayed a powerful first serve and line drive groundstrokes, keeping the more agile Vilas off balance. "I was only thinking of the final, it was a big mistake," Vilas admitted after the marathon 3 1/2-hour match. "I thought it would be easy and I wasn't concentrating."

Pecci took the first set on a tiebreak which he won 7-5, and seemed on his way to an easy second set when the gritty Vilas saved five set points in the eighth game drawing cheers from the capacity center court crowd. But Pecci hung on to win the set, using his serve to keep control of the game.

Gaining his confidence, Pecci looked like he would make the third set a rout, climbing to 4-2 and needing only to hold his serve. But Vilas came back, producing some dazzling passing shots and lunging on the clay to make acrobatic saves at the baseline. He broke Pecci in the ninth and 12th games to force a tiebreak.

But with darkness setting in the match was on the verge of being suspended — Vilas ran out of steam. Pecci jumped to a 6-1 lead in the tiebreak and after Vilas saved two match points, the tall Paraguayan finally nailed it down when Vilas hit out a hard serve to his backhand.

"I knew if I lost the tiebreak we would have to continue the match Sunday," Pecci told reporters. He credited his victory to his baseline play, forcing Vilas to rush the net and allowing him to pass.

The 22-year-old Clerc, who has played in Vilas' shadow, depends more on his shot-making ability than his power in contrast to Pecci's styles. But the Argentinian didn't have much opportunity to show off his game against Lendl, who was behind 4-5 in the second set when he injured himself.

Meanwhile, Frank Sedgman of Australia and Alex Olmedo of Peru scored semifinal victories Saturday to earn berths in the finals

of the Grand Masters of Rio Bravo Tennis Tournament.

The top-seeded Sedgman eliminated Mal Anderson of Australia 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 while the second-seeded Olmedo downed Neale Fraser of Australia 6-2, 7-6.

The championship match in the tournament for stand-out tennis players 45 years of age or older will be played Sunday afternoon at the Rio Bravo Ranch, near Bakersfield. The singles winner in the \$14,000 event will earn \$3,220.

In the doubles final, which also will be played Sunday, Fraser and Anderson will face the Sedgman and Olmedo. Fraser and Anderson defeated Pancho Segura and Bobby Riggs 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals while Sedgman and Olmedo topped Sven Davidson and Torben Ulrich 7-5, 6-1.

In Munich, France's Christophe Roger-Vasselin battled 92 minutes to defeat West Germany's Rolf Gehring 6-4, 7-6 to reach the finals of the Bavarian International Tennis Tournament.

## BRIEFS

ROTTERDAM, (R) — A stitch in his side slowed Britain's John Graham when he was in sight of turning the world's fastest Marathon here Saturday. Graham, who locked the fast time of two hours nine minutes 28 seconds, had 14 seconds in hand over Australian Derek Clayton's world mark of 2:08:34.0 after covering 30 kilometers. But five kilometers later, the stitch attacked him.

ROME, (R) — The Soviet Union Saturday achieved its predicted victory in the men's European Gymnastics Championship, but the winning margin exceeded even its own expectations. Soviet gymnasts filled the first three places, with team leader Alexander Kachev crowning his ambitions with the gold medal.

EAST LONDON, (AFP) — The touring Irish Rugby Union team suffered another setback on Saturday, when it was announced that No. 1 hooker John Cantrell had suspected fractured ribs.

DUBLIN, Ohio, (AP) — From a commanding lead, Craig Stadler fell victim to consecutive double bogeys and dropped

## W. Germany routs Finland

LAHTI, Finland, May 24 — West Germany beat Finland 4-0, here Sunday after leading 3-0 at half time, in a European Zone Group One match to take another step along the road to qualifying for next year's World Cup Soccer finals in Spain.

The West Germans, who have now taken full points from four games played well on top in the first half scoring through Hans-Peter Briel after 25 minutes, Klaus Fischer after 37 minutes and defender Manfred Kaltz after 40 minutes.

In the second half, the Germans took things easy and added one more goal through Fischer ten minutes from the final whistle.

Meanwhile, Juventus of Turin won the Italian First Division Championship for the 19th time Sunday when they beat Fiorentina 1-0 in the final match of the season. Roma, the only team still challenging for the title, drew their away match at Avellino 1-1 to end the season two points behind Juventus.

In Berlin, Carl Zeiss Jena came within one point of Dynamo Berlin in the chase for the league title when they beat Chemie Bochen 3-1 on the penultimate day of the East German Football Championship Saturday.

Leaders Dynamo Berlin suffered a 1-4 upset away to bottom-of-the-league Stahl Riesa. Leading league positions: Dynamo Berlin 37 points, Carl Zeiss Jena 36, Magdeburg 34, Dynamo Dresden 34, Frankfurt Oder 29, Leipzig 28, Rot Weiss Erfurt 27, Chemie Halle 25, Hansa Rostock 20, Karl-Marx-Stadt 19.

## Karpov accepts draw

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 24 (AP) — World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union accepted a quick draw with black against fellow Soviet grandmaster Vassili Smyslov in the seventh round of the IBM Chess Tournament Saturday.

Karpov, who celebrated his 30th birthday, followed a dull line of the Queen's Indian Defense and gladly accepted Smyslov's offer to declare the encounter a tie after 13 moves and only 50 minutes of play. He quickly left the tournament hall for a birthday party at the Soviet ambassador's residence.

The world champion was tied for second place with Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia and Hungary's Lajos Portisch, who also drew their seventh-round games. Hort was pitted with black against Lubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia and settled for the half point after a mere 18 moves from a Russian defense.

into a 3-way tie for the top spot Saturday in the third round of the Memorial Golf Tournament.

CORNING, New York, (AP) — Kathy Hite, changing her luck with an 80-foot birdie putt, fashioned her third straight under-par round Saturday to open a 3-stroke lead with a 6-under-par total of 210 in the \$125,000 Corning Classic Women's Golf Tournament.

KYOTO, Japan, (AFP) Heavily-favored Japan completed their sweep of all nine matches over Canada here Saturday to advance to the final of the ninth Uber Cup Ladies World Badminton Team Championships. Japan had taken a commanding 4-0 lead Friday in the best-of-nine contest.

WHEELING, West Virginia, (AP) — Bill Rodgers, a four-time winner of the Boston Marathon, won the 20-kilometer wheelchair distance Saturday, outpacing more than 1,700 other entrants for his third victory in the race in its five years. Rodgers covered the hilly, 12.4 mile course in an official time of 1:00:59, a record for the wheeling race.

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## Diplomats weather late Cosmos storm

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP) — The Washington Diplomats, despite playing a man short for the final 18 minutes, edged the Cosmos 3-2 Saturday night in north American Soccer League action.

The Diplomats were forced to play a man short when David Bradford, the league's smallest player at 5-foot-5, was sent off for landing a forearm to the head of the Cosmos' Robert Cabanas. Although the Cosmos applied the pressure in the final 18 minutes they were unable to score.

The victory, the Diplomats fifth in a row at home, raised the team's overall record to 7-3. The Cosmos, who won the first meeting of the year between the two Eastern Division rivals, 1-0 in Giants Stadium, are now 8-3.

They scored their first goal just two minutes into the game as Ross Jenkins beat goalkeeper Hubert Birkenmeier for his third goal of the season. Six minutes later the Dips struck again. Ole Mikkelsen, the team's No. 1 draft pick out of UCLA, scored his first NASL goal after Birkenmeier went down in a pileup in front of the Cosmos goal.

The Cosmos got on the scoreboard at 10:40 when Herman Borje lifted a short that hit the crossbar then fell into the goal behind the disbelieving Washington goalkeeper, Jim Brown. Saturday's attendance, 27,676, marked the largest crowd of the season at Robert F. Kennedy stadium.

In another match, Arno Steffen Hagen

scored two goals, both in the second half, to lead the Chicago Sting to a 3-1 victory over the Seattle Sounders 3-1 at Comiskey Park. Chicago extended its winning streak to six games with the victory and boosted its division-leading season record to 8-2.

Steffen Hagen put the Sting ahead 1-0 in the second half but Kevin Bond tied the score three minutes later on a penalty shot.

Steffen Hagen gave Chicago the lead with his second goal and Karl-Heinz Granitz added to it. Seattle dropped to 6-5 with the loss.

Meanwhile, Jorge Berrio slammed a goal past goalkeeper Kevin Keelan 4:42 minutes into the first period to lead the Jacksonville Teamen to a 4-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Alan Green returned to the lineup after missing nearly a month of action. It was Green's first start in 470 minutes of play and coach Cantwell said his presence sparked the offensive.

The Teamen got off to a fast start when Berrio brought up the ball from midfield and passed it to Green at the top of the penalty box. Green shot and deflected it only to have Berrio score on the rebound.

Jacksonville's second goal was scored on a penalty kick by Tony Brown at 8:09. It was Brown's third consecutive penalty kick of the year. The win boosts Jacksonville to 4-7, while Tampa Bay Drops to 4-8. The Teamen are 2-1 on the 1981 season against the Rowdies.

San Diego tallied twice in a shootout to none for Atlanta giving the Sockers victory over the Chiefs.

Connecting for San Diego in the shootout were Gert Wiczorkowski and Mike Stojanovic as the Sockers raised their season record to 6-4. The Chiefs fell to 5-5.

The Sockers took a 1-0 lead at 27:46 when Jean Willrich missed a penalty kick but knocked in the rebound past Atlanta goalkeeper Graham Tutt. The Chiefs tied the score at 77:50 when Brian Kido connected with an assist by Keith Murphy. The game was scoreless through the remainder of regulation play and 15 minutes of overtime.

In Vancouver, Alan Taylor scored his first two League goals and Bobby Lenarduzzi added two more on penalty kicks as the Vancouver Whitecaps overpowered the California Surf 5-1 at Empire Stadium.

Taylor, who played in eight games at the end of last season but was making his first appearance this year, scored once in each half. Lenarduzzi scored both his goals in the second half, giving him four goals in the season — all off penalty kicks. The other Vancouver goal was charged to California defender Steve Seagrant.

Craig Allen spoiled the shutout bid of Whitecaps goaltender Barry Siddall with a goal with less than eight minutes left.

## Ian Botham to continue as skipper

LONDON, May 24 (AFP) — Ian Botham will continue his reign as England captain when he leads his country against Australia in the three one-day international series for the "Prudential Trophy" next month. The games are at Lord's on June 4th Birmingham on June 6th and Leeds on June 8th. The rest of the squad will be named next weekend.

Botham's position as captain had been called into question with his lack of success in terms of results and personal output in two series — home and away — against West Indies and in the "Centenary Test" against Australia.

Both series against the Caribbean stars were lost and the Centenary Test was drawn. In addition, Botham's personal form has slumped drastically.

In 25 Tests before taking charge, he averaged 38 with the bat and 18 with the ball. Since last June his batting average has fallen to 14. The Somerset all-rounder has constantly denied that captaincy affects his form. Admittedly, he has personal problems, including an impending court case.

Now he is given a chance to clear up all doubts. There was no questioning his right

## Aussies struggle against Somerset's pace attack

LONDON, May 24 (AFP) — Australia's early batsmen were given a searching test by Somerset pace bowlers Ian Botham and Joel Garner at Taunton Saturday.

The captains had already tossed, with the tourists deciding to bat, before rain delayed the start for an hour. When they did get out, Botham dismissed the left-handed Graeme Wood for a duck in his first over with a single scored. The tall West Indian Garner conceded only one run in his first seven overs as the Australians struggled on a dry pitch.

Botham later dismissed Trevor Chappell and had figures of two wickets for 17 runs in 13 overs. At the tea interval the Australians had reached 114 for three from 60 overs. Then it rained again.

John Dyson and Chappell batted doggedly after this bad start and added 82 runs for the second-wicket. Dyson dropped by Viv Richardson in the slips off Joel Garner, the tall fast bowler from Barbados, when he had scored two. Garner began with six successive maiden overs.

Elsewhere, rain washed out most of the scheduled program in the English County Cricket Championship.

Of the eight championship games, only one



Ian Botham

to a spot in the one-day games as he is a fine all-rounder.

A good "Prudential" series against Kim Hughes' men would leave him unchanged for the six-match Test series. Always in his favor has been the fact that there are no outstanding candidates to succeed him.

The chairman of England selectors, Alec Bedser, said: "When we appointed him for the two West Indies series we knew he would make mistakes. Now we hope that he can learn and profit from them."

## Greenwood hits out at media

LONDON, May 24 (AFP) — Following England's 1-0 shutout by Scotland in their home International football match, England manager Ron Greenwood launched an astonishing two-minute attack on the media at his press conference at Wembley and then stormed out of the room, refusing to answer any questions.

Greenwood, red-faced and clearly seething, walked into the room, sat down and declared: "I just want to give a big thank you for the preface of a message that went out Friday about my speaking to the players. It was the biggest journalistic licence I have ever met. What it did to us was to stir us up to play with the effort you saw Saturday."

In twenty-five years in football, I have always talked to players because they are the

people who play. If you thought you could create a situation by pushing the knife in by a misinterpretation of my quotes then I will say no more. I spoke to the players the way any manager does."

Greenwood denied that the players had picked the team, as had been suggested following his Friday comments that he had asked the players what they thought was the best pattern to play.

Scotland manager Jock Stein said: "We are delighted with the performance and the result. To come here with so many young players and win is very good." "We were a bit frightened in the first half and losing Hartford was a blow because we had no real midfielders left. Robertson took over the role and controlled things."

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## Soccer fans run riot

LIBREVILLE, Gabon, May 24 (R) — Cars were set ablaze and stoned during rioting in this African capital Saturday night after a stormy soccer match between teams from Gabon and neighboring Cameroun.

The trouble spot was close to the Cameroun Embassy and a conference center where finance ministers and officials from 141 countries have just finished week long talks as part of a meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which ended Friday.

Police gave no details about the incident but reporters saw smoke rising from the middle of crowds of angry Gabonese on one of the city's main roads. Police cordoned off the area and appeared to have contained the rioting.

About 700 Camerounians were believed to have fled to their embassy after rumors of attacks on them following last Wednesday's football match in Douala, Cameroun, which was stopped after fighting broke out.

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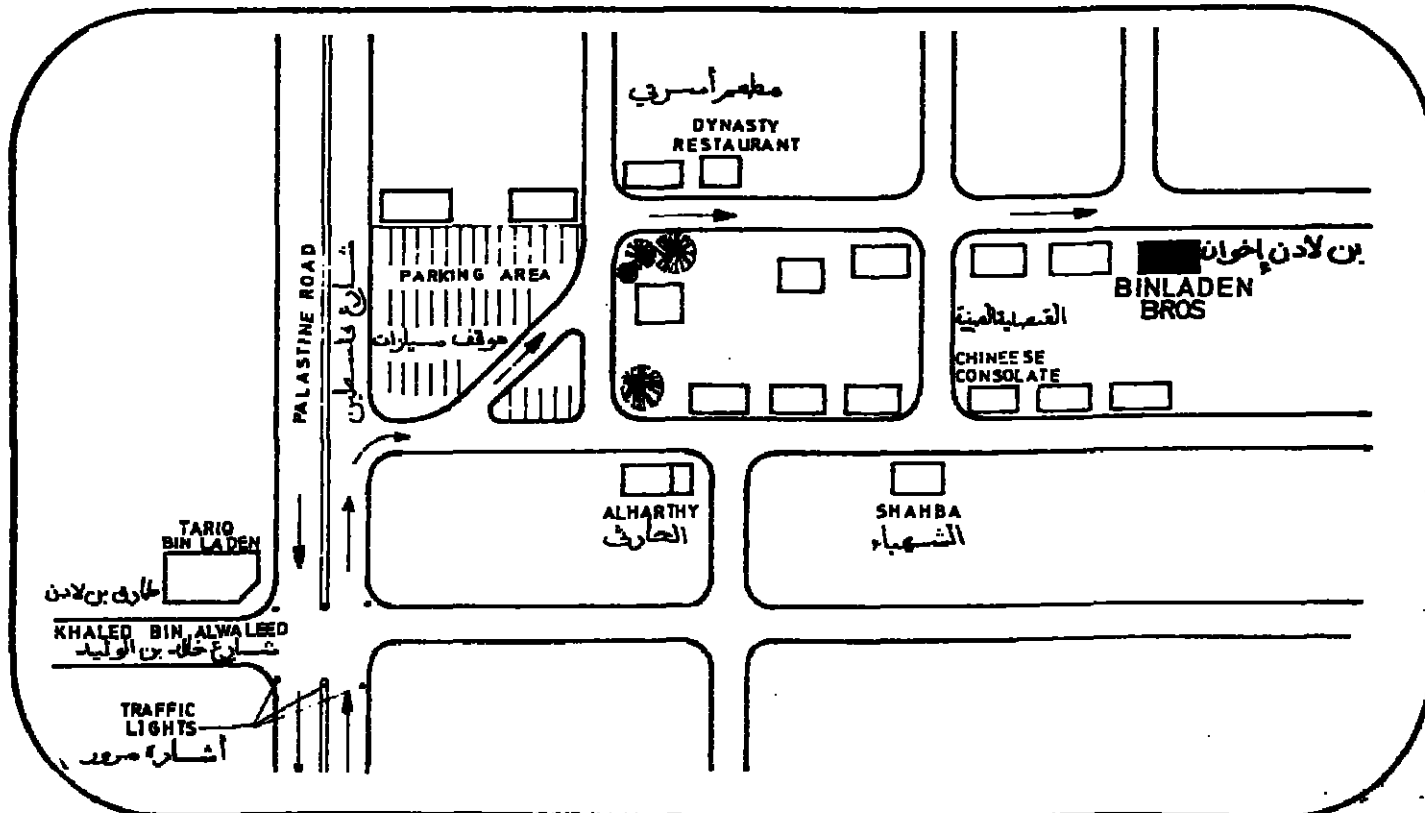
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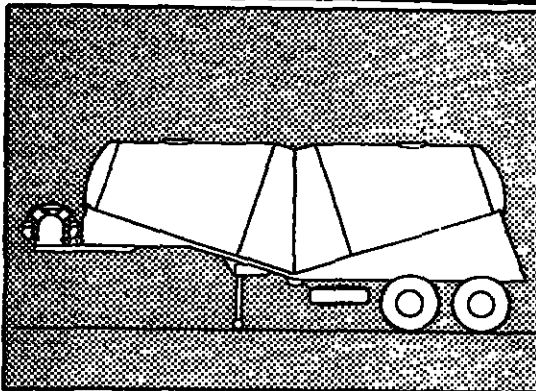


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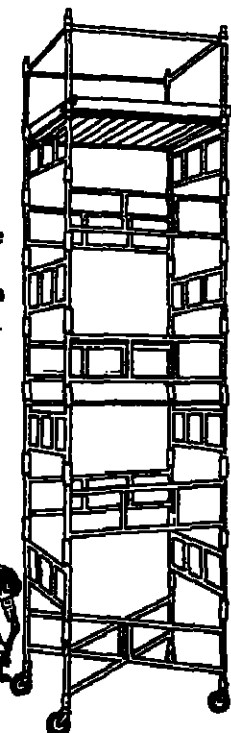
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### IRA rifles recovered

## 1 dies in renewed Belfast riots

BELFAST, May 24 (AP) — British soldiers have recovered in the IRA stronghold of south Armagh three rifles used by masked IRA men to fire volleys over the coffin of hunger striker Raymond McCauley, the army reported Sunday.

The rifles, ammunition and black gloves — part of the Irish Republican Army's military uniform — were recovered Saturday night from a "hide" in Camlough, McCauley's south Armagh hometown, near where five British soldiers were killed in an IRA landmine ambush last Tuesday, an army spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a man was killed early Sunday after being hit by a police land rover under firebomb and brick attack by some 50 rioters in west Belfast's Old Park district, police reported.

The man, aged 33, died in a night of renewed violence in Roman Catholic districts of Belfast and Londonderry, this British province's second city.

The province was reported quiet later Sunday morning after rioters took to the streets until the early hours, pelting security force

### Plastic bullet found lethal

BELFAST, May 24 (AP) — Four persons have died in less than a month in Northern Ireland from injuries allegedly caused by plastic bullets fired by British soldiers during riots in Belfast and Londonderry.

The British Army denies the four-inch-long pellet, weighing five ounces (140 gr), is an indiscriminate weapon. It is meant to hold back rioting mobs hurling stones, firebombs and acid bombs.

An army spokesman says all soldiers have instructions to fire at a rioter's chest. But army sources say many rioters duck when a volley of plastic bullets is fired and receive serious head injuries.

Opponents of use of the weapon, however, claim some soldiers deliberately aim

### Protest lodged with Albania

## Yugoslav Embassy bombed

BELGRADE, May 24 (AFP) — Yugoslavia Sunday protested "energetically" to Albania over Saturday night's bomb attack on Belgrade's embassy in Tirana, the government said in an official communique. Two bombs, hurled at the embassy during a reception to celebrate a youth festival, landed on a terrace and blew up, damaging the ceiling and blowing out windows. No one was hurt.

### 6 Indian bandits shot

NEW DELHI, May 24 (AP) — Dressed woman bandit Thakur, five male members of her gang and a policeman were reported killed Sunday in a six-hour blazing shootout in the Jamuna ravines of northern India.

Several other bandits, armed with semi-automatic weapons, escaped a police dragnet in the rugged heavily-wooded region located 380 kms southeast of the Indian capital, the United News of India agency reported.

The agency quoted local officials as saying that the bandits, campaign in the village of Dharana, traded shots with a police patrol daytime. After their leader, Meera Thakur, and five other associates were gunned down, the brigands fled the shootout, leaving behind some arms.

patrols with bricks, gasoline and acid bombs to avenge the death of the IRA's latest martyr. Police said patrols saw one rioter running away, his clothes alight from his own gasoline bomb.

An army spokesman said the IRA rifles were recovered in Camlough late Saturday by soldiers of the Royal Green Jackets Regiment, whose comrades were killed in South Armagh last week.

The army declined further details, but said the weapons were seized after "careful observation" of the Saturday afternoon IRA military funeral for McCauley.

He was the fourth hunger strike to die this month in Northern Ireland's Maze prison in support of demands that allied Irish nationalist guerrillas in this British province be treated as political prisoners. Four others are currently fasting and each hunger striker is being replaced as he dies.

Security forces kept a low profile as some 25,000 mourners poured into Camlough for the funeral and — as usual — made no move when the IRA gunmen emerged to fire the traditional IRA salute to a fallen hero.

The men were shielded by women holding umbrellas to hide them from two army helicopters clattering overhead, and melted back into the crowd. Carrying arms and wearing military uniforms is illegal, but security forces have done nothing at any of the previous IRA military funerals, apparently wanting to avoid provocation.

### Power war intensifies in British Labor Party

LONDON, May 24 (R) — The power struggle in Britain's opposition Labor Party intensified Sunday when former Agriculture Minister John Silkin announced he would challenge Tony Benn to replace Denis Healey as deputy party leader.

Silkin, although also on the left-wing of the party, is viewed as more moderate than Benn, whose bid for the deputy leadership has deepened the party's right-left divisions.

Political sources said Silkin's move would split the left-wing when the party votes for a deputy leader in the autumn. Under reforms since the party lost the last general election in 1979, the leader and his deputy are chosen by an electoral college giving trade unions 40 percent of the vote, labor parliamentarians 30 percent and party workers 30 percent.

This and other moves to the left encouraged 13 Labor parliamentarians to split from the party this year and from a breakaway Social Democratic Party in protest.

Announcing his candidature, Silkin said Britain's biggest problem was unemployment and that he backed increased public investment, import controls and withdrawal from the European Common Market (EEC). Benn wants withdrawal from the EEC, unilateral nuclear disarmament and state ownership of big banks and industrial companies.

### Forlani team to discuss Mason issue

ROME, May 24 (R) — Labor Minister Franco Forlani said Sunday he would not follow the minister of justice and resign in Italy's deepening scandal over alleged espionage by a secret masonic lodge. Forlani, who once signed a recommendation for an applicant seeking to join the lodge, known as "P2," told the newspaper *La Stampa*: "I deny any connection with P2 and this attempt to destabilize the country."

Justice Minister Adolfo Sarti resigned Saturday after newspapers published his signed application to join P2. He said he had never followed up the application.

In an atmosphere of growing crisis, the leaders of the Christian Democratic, Socialist, Social Democratic and Republican parties, which make up prime minister Arnaldo Forlani's coalition, will meet Monday to discuss the issue.

Political experts said they might decide on a cabinet reshuffle or even consider resignation, to be followed by a re-establishment of their alliance. A key factor will be the attitude of Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, who had now expressed hopes of becoming Italy's first non-Christian Democratic prime minister since the end of World War II.

The political experts said Craxi might choose this moment to press for a change of prime minister as a price for continued membership of the four-party coalition.

### Iraqi gunners pound Ahwaz

## Fierce battles raging in Gulf

BEIRUT, May 24 (Agencies) — Fierce battles were reported in both the north and south fronts of the war between Iran and Iraq, according to information from both sides of the conflict Saturday.

An Iraqi war communique said 381 Iranian soldiers had been killed in battles near Ahwaz and Shush in the south. The Iraqis claimed only 40 of their soldiers had been killed.

The official Iranian news agency Pars, meanwhile said Iran had recaptured the strategic Garmsar heights on the Northern front and had killed 300 Iraqi troops "in the battle late Friday."

Pars said battles continued to rage at Ahwaz and Shush. The agency said Iraqi gunners were pounding Ahwaz and that several houses were damaged in residential areas. "There were no immediate reports on probable fatalities," Pars said.

The Iraqi war communique said Iran suffered the most casualties at Shush north of Ahwaz. The communique said 166 Iraqis

### Ban on festivity

## Poland to close down 2 embassies

WARSAW, May 24 (Agencies) — Poland's Foreign Ministry has decided to close its embassies in Nepal and Cyprus as well as several consulates as part of an austerity move, Foreign Minister Jozef Cyrzek told a newspaper here.

In an interview that appeared in the daily *Zycie Warszawy*, Cyrzek said budget cuts of more than 20 percent have been imposed on his department. Ministry expenditures will thus be brought to a level five percent lower than that of 1977. One result will be cancellation of receptions and festivities in Polish embassies and consulates abroad, which employ about 1,000 Poles. Poland has diplomatic relations with 127 countries, and missions in 84 of those countries.

In a front-page article, *Zycie Warszawy* warned that the situation in the country, though calmer, was not yet stable, and implied that extremists among hard-line Communists and right-wing dissidents might try to stage "provocations."

"Any minor incident may result in dangerous complications," the newspaper said. Actions which could upset Poland's neighbors — an obvious reference to the Soviet Union — were particularly dangerous. Another hooligan excess or an unprovoked action could bring down an avalanche, the daily said.

The article did not elaborate. But political observers here said it seemed aimed at recent violent incidents such as the burning down of a Warsaw suburban police post, renewed

### Two Czech climbers conquer Himalayan peak

KATMANDU, Nepal, May 24 (Agencies) — Two members of a Czechoslovakia Himalayan expedition scaled Mount Kanchenjunga, the 8,598-meter-high world's third highest peak, May 21 through the north face, Nepal's Ministry of Tourism announced here Sunday.

Josef Psotka, 46, of Bratislava, and an unidentified colleague reached the summit in the afternoon, where they planted the Czech and Nepalese national flags during their about 20-minute stay there. The ministry said that the climbers were reported to have climbed the mountain "without oxygen."

Meanwhile, the 20-member Japanese Meiji expedition has admitted failure after four unsuccessful bids to conquer Mount

### Schmidt ends trip

## France hopes to retain close links with Bonn

PARIS, May 24 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand Sunday met with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and declared his intention to maintain close ties and mutual cooperation between Paris and Bonn. "I reiterated to Chancellor Schmidt the importance I attach to relations of trust between our two countries and their leaders," Mitterrand said after this first diplomatic meeting since his investiture Thursday.

Sources said that the key result of the meeting was Schmidt's pledge of support for France's efforts to maintain parity for the ailing franc in the European monetary system. For his part, the sources said, Mitterrand backed Bonn's acceptance of the deployment of new medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe beginning in 1983 and its call for resumption of U.S.-Soviet talks on Eurostrategic weapons.

In a brief speech outside the Elysee Palace where he held three hours of talks with Schmidt Sunday, Mitterrand said they had discussed common problems and made a broad study of relations between their two countries and with the United States within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The talks also covered the world economic situation, each other's economic problems, disarmament, arms control and the questions raised by the stationing of missiles in Europe. Mitterrand added. Following their meeting, Schmidt left Paris aboard a West German air force plane to return to Bonn.

Before leaving, Schmidt told newsmen that

he had transmitted to Mitterrand the greetings of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who met the West German chancellor in Washington last week, and his wishes for closer cooperation with France and West Germany.

Schmidt said he thought the future of Franco-German relations was as promising as at any time since World War II. "Above all I think that this friendship no longer depends on individuals," he and Giscard d'Estaing were personally close — "but is an incontrovertible fact," he added. This friendship was very important for Europe and its role in the world and would help to overcome the clash between East and West, Schmidt said.

After the meeting between the two leaders, West German government sources said that close monetary cooperation with France would allow current speculation on the French franc to be determined. The sources said that Bonn was determined to maintain the present parity between the West German and French currencies. There has been a run on the franc since Mitterrand took office but the sources indicated that speculators gambling on a devaluation would be wasting their money.

Meanwhile, French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson said in an interview with *The Washington Post* that the new French government will prove to be a "reliable partner" of the Atlantic alliance. Cheysson was quoted by the newspaper as saying he did not want the United States to repeat past errors by showing distrust of French left-wing governments.

This American attitude had previously undermined the effectiveness of such governments during their first months in power, he said. The minister predicted that the United States would appreciate the direct method with which the government of Socialist Mitterrand would approach foreign affairs.

According to the *Post*, the general foreign policy principles outlined by Cheysson appeared to confirm similarity between Paris and Washington views on the Middle East and East-West relations. But they could run into differences regarding the Third World, especially South and North Africa, and above all Central America, the paper said.

Cheysson said during the interview that "in terms of the Atlantic alliance, you can't have a more reliable partner than us." He also said that he could not understand why "the greatest country in the world" wanted West Europe to "kneel" before its policies and views.

The minister said that President Reagan's attitude toward the Third World was one of "charity and respect for the starving," but that the U.S. leader failed to include these countries in strategic considerations. "For us, the Third World is an essential partner. We depend very much on them for our supplies," Cheysson said.

He noted that "we are completely new and strange to our allies" but said that French diplomatic representation abroad would undergo only the minimum of modification. The French ambassador in Washington was among those that would not be recalled, at least for the present, he said.

### Mitterrand supporters to contest all seats

PARIS, May 24 (R) — The Socialist Party of French President Francois Mitterrand Sunday announced candidates it hopes will give it a majority on a new National Assembly to be elected next month. Mitterrand dissolved the old assembly, which had a 70-seat right-wing majority, last week and hopes his party's 491 candidates will provide a majority able to push through sweeping economic and social reforms.

All three past presidents of the 23-year-old Fifth Republic have been able to count on a National Assembly majority.

The Socialists are fielding a candidate in each constituency in the National Assembly elections, to take place June 14 and 21.

Campaigning opens officially June 1 but all major parties except the Communists have now published lists of candidates.

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The Board of Directors of the Bank wishes to express its deep appreciation of the dedicated and untiring efforts made by Mr. Ansari to set up the Bank and turn it into a modern, progressive and reputable institution within a short period of five years.

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